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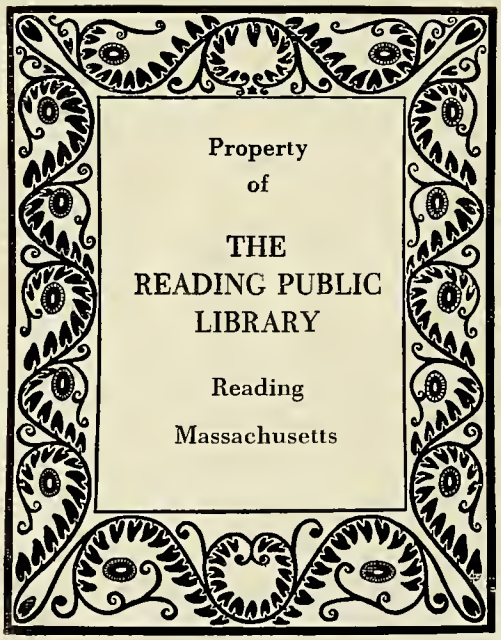

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CHURCH RECORDS
of the
OLD TOWN OF READING, MASSACHUSETTS
and of
THE FIRST PARISH OF
READING and SOUTH READING
from
1648 to 1846

It is indeed fortunate that the records of the First Church in Old Reading, and on down thru the years to 1846 have been preserved, and that they are now made available in book form in the town libraries of Wakefield, Reading and No. Reading, which towns made up the early Town of Reading..

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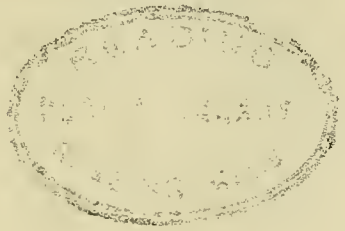

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TOWN OF READING MASSACHUSETTS

OLD CHURCH RECORDS

FROM 1648

The Names of ye Brethren & Sisters of ye Church at Reading from ye 29 Sept 1648. Etc.

Francis Smith Mrs Green
Will Cowdry & his wife
John Pearson & his wife
Bro Dunton
Tho Kendall & his wife
Tho Parker & his wife
George Davis
William Hooper
Mary Swaine
Joan Marshall
Tho Hartshorn & his wife
Edward Taylor & his wife
Sister Martin
Left Marshall & wife
dismissed from Lynn
Tho Marshall Carpenter
Eliz Hooper
Lidia Lakin
Eliz Wiley
Eliz Hart
Zach Fitch & his wife
dismissed from Lynn
Will Eaton & his wife
dismissed from Watertown
John Batchelder & his wife
dismissed from Dedham
Will Martin
Jonas Eaton & his wife
Tho Bancroft
Judith Pool
Abigail Damon
Leift Smith & his wife
before some of the former

MAY 1648

In May 1648 Mr Henry Green first pastor of this Church dyed, after whom they called to supply his roome Samuel Haugh w^o^ came hither November 3, 1648 and was ordeyned pastor here March 26, 1650. Since his joyning to this Church which was ye Sabbath before his Ordination was added to this Church, Sarah Haugh, his wife (By Dismission he from Boston and she from Charlestown).

Samuel Walker & his wife
Lydia Dustin
Alice Clark

NOVEMBER 13 1662

John Brocke called by ye church, to officiate amongst them after Mr Sam Haugh decease at Boston, & dismissed to them from Dedham church, was joyned to them the Lord's day before ye ordination & Nov 13 he was ordained, & ye day after he was married to Mrs Sarah Haugh a widdow indeed.

The Names of ye Bretheren & Sisters yt were joyned since his office work.

25	(10)	62	Jonathan Poole
			Goodman Wellman & his wife
			Nath Cowdry & his wife
			Nath Cutler
			Hanna Lilly
			John Eaton & his wife
			Tho Clarke
			Mary Eaton
			Mary Parker
6	(2)	63	Sister Hartshorne
			by letters from Ipswich
			Nich Brown & his wife
24	(4)	63	dismissed from Lynn
			Hanna Cowdry Na--
			Mary Swain Junio
			Goodwife Cutler
			John Batchelder Jun & his wife

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NOVEMBER 13 1662

16 (4) 66 Sister Cowdry
dismissed from Lynn.
Elizabeth Parker
Sister Bancroft
22 (9) 69 dismissed from Dedham.
Brother Damon
dismissed from Dedham
Hannah Parker
Mary Goodwin
Abraham Briant
Mary Hodgman
Mary Briant
Martha Parker
Elizabeth Brown
Mary Burnap
Sister Nichols
dismissed from Ipswich
Ester Dix
vide p. 20

Saml. Walker being Under some offence for high & ill Language given to ye Pastor : about ye year 1652 gave Satisffaction to ye church privately met at ye Pastors house by acknowledging of his Evill therin.

Eliz. Hart being under offence in ye year 1653 for Varied sinfullnesse in not harbouring travelers that were in danger of yr Lives yr by at lest some of them; for Diverse offensive words spoken to ym concerning some of ye church & town. (2) for some gross suspicions of falsehood was before the church brought to give satisfaction; who extended much charity toward hir in taking yt for satisfaction which came from hir though far short of what they judged needful.

George Davis publickly to ye church only acknowledged some offensive speech spoken by him to the Clark.

Feb: 1655

Eliz. Hart was Again brought before ye church first in private for Sundry offenses as namely (1) for Contempt of Authority (2) for evill surmising and falsely accusing some of the brethren. (3) for boasting sinfully of yt wh is Evill again: yt all ye witt ye church had could not keep hir out nor beign cast hir hir out. that she never had ye worst of it before Minister or church with many other things wch were then testified agt her: as saying yt she burnt ye warrant to teach old fooles more wit. To these thigs at first she began to answer

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Feb. 1655

with show of much hortinesse & generally confessing her proud high spirit, & much hypocrisye (s) but running to particulars she yr So Excused & waved as yt gave no satisfaction at all: So she was referred to A more public hearing yt in Case she came not of more freely she should then be admonished.

being so called forth in public ye next Lds day save one (for ye next was Sacrament Day from wch she was suspended. Upon hope of better Satisfacttion: She did give very small signs of true repentance so as that before propounding yt to ye church for their apprehensions one or two Express themselves Content to Sit down but others expressed themselves unsatisfied and some desired to deferr till another time: & yt being very late we concluded with Prayer (s) without fully understanding ye churches mind but next Lds Day she was again called forth & Showing little signs of repentance she was Admonished : After wch she being again called forthon another Sabboth about two weeks after: she gave Some Satisfaction as ye church Sat down upon.

Feb. 6 1658

George Davis being brought before ye church for an offensive Libell by him made & published by Singing it -- in Verse did very freely and thouroughly acknowledg his great Sin therin & Lamted much yt ire had said yt in dishonor to God given offense to his Bretheren & opened ye mouths of any ill effected wch gave very good satisfaction to ye church.

Oct. 26 1659

At a Public church meeting appoynted ye Lds Day before (though we were Constrayned to meet at my house bece of work being doing at ye mooting house) George Davis was Convened before the church and yr was Layd to Give his chardge.

1) that having unto ye Pastor threatened that (if he would not call Sister Clark & Kendall to answer some offenses he had to Chardge ym with : wch ye Pastor Conceived was not yet ripe for his cognizance by Pbc. notice.) he then would present ym both for Liars & have ym recorded so in Court and then Bring the Court Records Agt ym Church:

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Oct. 26 1659

Having thus Sayd to ye Pastor and his wife, he afterward being questioned why he would So Say or Doo by Divers he denied it saying yt he intended no such thing & it never came into his heart or thought: & this then he denied to Tho. Clark and his wife Will. Cowdrey & his wife Tho. Kendall and Jonas Eaton Zach. Fitch. To this Lye thus practically proved: he owned what he had Sayd to ye Pastor & his wife but Sayd he could not remember Yt he Sayd So to Bro. Cowdry and his wife in way of doing all of it, and So of ye rest professing his conscience did not accuse him of an intended Lye in it.

2) That being dealt with by Tho. Kendall Jonas Eaton & Zach. Fitch for departing from ye Sacrament because of offence he had taken at Sister Kendall and yet did not endeavour to remove the offence before ye Sacrament. He replyed No it was not for anything that he was offended Agt. Sister Kendall but some trouble upon his own Spt. that he went from ye Sacrament So as yt he left them as Satisfyed with his answer: but afterward it came to be known that he went away in bitterness against Agt. her; which was plain from some bitter words Spoken Agt. hir unto ye Pastor and his wife by George Davis which ye Pastor bringing Bro. Cowdrey with him did deal more privately with George Davis for this was charged on him as a proud Lye to wch also he answered yt he did not intend so to Leave ym in ye dark he thought they could not but understand that their was offence taken at him at Sister Kendalls but with all his intent was to hint to them that it was chiefly the Discharge of his own Spirit upon yt offence taken yt made him look at himself as unfit and therefore did depart, but it too plainly appears that it was rather his Disdeigning to speak with hir, than Some of his own unfitness that made him Dept.

3) that he was heard to Sing Some pt of A filthy song: and to scoff at those yt took offense at it to wch he answered yt it might be possible he did Sing Some of it: but had Sayd before that he never would Sing one verse of it wch being now alleged Agt him, Viz how could yt be true yt he never could Sing one Verse of it any yet yt he now confess to have sung Some of it.

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Oct. 26 1659

he answered he knew not how much a Verse was except it was so much as made ye Tune once but he Judged himself for this Confessing ye Evill of it, Wch Confession did in yt Satisfie many of ye Church for this last offence: but wth respect to ye former too Especially Considering he had been taken in two untruths formerly he was wth consent of ye Church Layd under A formall admonition; & yr by pro tempore Suspended from ye Lds Table. (3)

Feb. 9 1659

George Davis Feb. 9 :1659 Apparad before ye Church Assembled at ye Pastors house and by his acknowledgement partly in words & ptly in writing he so far Judged himself for what was laid to his charge as yt ye Church accepted of Satisfaction & tooke off ye Censure (2)

January 14 1661

Lidia Dustin Appeared before ye Church at A Public church meeting (appointed ye Lds Day before) though at ye Pastors house not for privasie, but for convenience in regard of ye weather. And being there required to own the Confession which she had formerly made Concerning her offense and which she had tendered in writing she did own ye Same and although not with yt freedom and willingness as was to be desired yet so as ye Church by expression & and ye rest by Silence manifested their acceptance of hir Satisffaction tendered.

Now ye ofenses charged upon her was (1), that she reported concerning J. P. M. C. J. D. B. G. yt on ye Lds day after their coming out of ye mooting house they laughed and jibed at ye minister yt then had been dispensing ye word to them, whereas afterward upon examination it could not appear that they did laugh at ye Minister but as they Sayd at a Senseless joke put forth by S.... now she seeing and hearing them laugh and another talling hir yt they laughed at ye Minister (as she then thereby affirming, she hearing these words spoken by them in or about ye time laughing (so much for that or this) which being the words ye Minister concluded with all as she Sayth was ye occasion of his jealousy and report.

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Jan. 14 1661

(2) The thing Layd to her was that when she was dealt with by the young men for blemishing ye names, she denyed that she had particularly named any of them; at least any butt one, whereas the testimonyies say she did name diverse of them to this hir answer was that she doth not yet remember yt she named any in particular herself: but yt they were named she remembers but whether by herself or no she remembers not. wch occasioned her denyall yet nevertheless she condemned herself for hir sinfull rashness therein.

22 (11) 62 Mathew Edwards desiring his condition to be propounded to ye church, while hee stood propounded, testimony came in against him to charge him with ye guilt of a scandal, hee being desired to humble himself & regain Gods honour & c hee went to ye parties & made a confession to their satisffaction, which being satisfyed to the church hee was admitted (& committed to God) according to ye Judgm't of charity.

George Davis having been some time in ye guilt of wanton words & carriage to Mary Morroll, which being made knowne to Br. Cowdrey Sen'r & Br. Kendall, they came to ye Elder & inquired darkly of such a case George Davis came & seconded them he desired to acknowledge his fault in publick, the Elder having heard the accusation & his defense but not without some confession gave way to his desire: after his Confession ye Bretheren Dissatisfyed a day of humiliation appointed for ye church & his sinne more applied to him but his satisfaction offered was Judged to be too short, & an Admonition was aggreed on to be sollemnly applied & hee left with God to humble him for his sinne and so waiting a time upon God in ye use of ye Censure, the Lord did helpe him to repent of it & bewayled his guilt, hardness of heart, & Lying under the guilt of it 18 months, he justifyed God in afflicting him for it, & aggravated his sinne & justifyed the Censure & offering to satisfy the church they accepted of it, & his Censure tooke off with a Signall testimony of forgiveness, but not before he gave Satisfaction to Jeremy Swaine for words specified as appeareth ye 8th (6) 63.

12 (3) 63

Nicholas Browne having given ye Towne offense yt is ye Selectmen, by inserting three or four words into a grant of a piece of meadow without their privity, for the explaining of it, & having Dealt with him for it, his honest confession was Sent to ye church of Lyn whereof he was a member they waighing it, sent that hee should publikly

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acknowledge his error & c : which being attended, the Congregation tooke satisfaction and upon Letters of Dismission afterwards hee & his wife were admitted (with their children) into ye church.

Joan Marshall having spoken some offensive words against sister Bancroft & they dealing with her to give them satisfaction, She staying at ye Lords supper, two of ye Bretheren, riseing upp, & attested that she had not attended to give Satisfaction she was required to forbear comunion with us at that time, she gave some offensive words before she went out: but God helped her afterwards to come upp to ye rule & to make her acknowledgement before the Church, & was again received into our hearts.

John Bachellor Jun'r having lien sometime in ye guilt of ye Sinne of wantonesse making an attempt upon Mary Hodgman but she resisted him, he afterwards joyned to ye church & held comunion with us but God left him to offer some dalliance with one maid servant of his after another, which being blazed abroad he confest his guilt of Mary Hodgman's accusations for ye substance of it, has confessed ye guilt of Sarah Hoopers accusation for ye substance of it, but he denied ye substance of G Duttons daughter's accusation of him. The church seriously considering of the case of our Brother Bachellor, they thought it might be good to lay him under an Admonition, which w as with their consent attended & the sinne with ye aggravations of it was publikly charged on his conscience & not long, ere he came & confest something of the accusation, yt hee formerly denyed to be true, & s aw his snare to deny the whole, because he could own but a part but after a time, God Sett home his great Sinne to his heart, & he carried the burden of it, & after several addresses on his part justifying God & the Church, presenting certain papers of his humiliation for so great a Sinne & flying to Christ for his great mercy, the Church were by little & little enclined to take off his censure, and renew their charity to him, as one yt obtained mercy of the Lord.

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Ester Dix an Adult member of ye Church of Christ in Ipswich She owning the covenant, had her children Baptized, her habitation being removed to us, by letters of dismission she & her children were recommended to our Church 30 (8) 1665 & were accordingly owned of us, as ours in ye Lord & her child thereupon was Baptized.

The minds of the Brethren being fixed as to ye practice of childrens duty to owne ye covenant in order to their childrens Baptism themselves not in full Communion.

(1) It was propounded in a Church meeting Whither Confederate visible believers in particular churches and their infant seed whose next parents one or both are in Covenant are acknowledged according to Scripture to be ye approved members of ye visible church of Christ.

(2) Whither the Infant seed of ye church (being members of the same church with their parents) when they are Adult or growne upp, they are personally under the watch and discipline & government of that Church.

(3) Whither Adult members of the church who were admitted in their minority, although they are not therefore to be admitted to full Communion, because they are & continue members, without such further qualifications as the word of God requireth there unto; yet nevertheless they understanding the Doctrine of Faith & publikly professing their assent there unto: not scandolous in Life & solomnoly owning the Covenant before ye church wherein they give up themselves & their children to ye Lord, and Subject themselves to ye Goverment of Christ in the church, their children are tobe Baptized.

The propositions were voted, & passed on ye Affirmitive part.

The Brethrin consanted thereto by their silence and afterwards by their usual Sign == wherefore the Names of their Adult children were desired and given that according to their number a place of meeting for their awakening might be appoynted.

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The meeting attended the most of ye Adult children of ye church were instructed referring to the beauty of owning ye Covenant & exhorted, comforted & charged as the case of any of ym required & told them yt after such a time for their serious consideration they had liberty to come to ye Elder to be examined & giving him Encouragement there were severall of them propounded to ye church & then to ye congregation & nothing scandolous objected within a fourtnight were owned, in order to ye childrens Baptism.

The Names of ye Children of ye Church yt were owned at severall publicke meetings as

13 (11) 1670

John Browne
David Bachelor
Thomas Bancroft
Hananiah Parker
John Pierson

Eliz. Haugh
Sarai Haugh
Marie Pierson
Martha Parker
Sarai Eaton

3 (12) 70

Benjamin Fitts
John Parker
Josias Browne
Cornelius Browne
Edward Browne
Abraham Wellman
Joseph Browne

Rebecca Bowtall
Eliz. Bancroft
Sarai Kendall
Eliz. Wellman
Nath. Parker
Isaac Wellman

24 (12) 70

Joseph Davis
Samuell Fitts
John Eaton Jun.
John Hartshorne

Mary Briant
Abigail Damon
Mary Hooper

vid: p. 19

(2) It was propounded in a church meeting upon occasion.

Whither Such church members who either by Death or some other extraordinary Providence have been inevitably hindred from publik acting as others, yet have given the church cause in the judgment of charity to locke at them as so qualified, & such as had they beam called thereunto would have so acted, their children are to be baptised.

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The proposition voted & past on ye Affirmative pt.

Tho. Parker Junr. who seems to be inevitably hindred by the afflicting hande of God upon him from publick owneing of ye Covenant his acquaintance with God in Christ & desires after him notwithstanding being testified by ye Elder Brother Jonas Eaton & Brother Damon was owned & his children Baptised.

14 (2) 71

Jeromy Swayne — Mary Swayne
Tho. Hartshorne — Hanna Bowtall
John Wiley

9 (6) 72

Daniel Eaton — Mary Eaton
Jonas Eaton — Lydia Wiley
Joseph Eaton

21 (1) 73

Joseph Fitts — Benjamin Smith
Samuell Lamson — Elizabeth Davis
Sarai Poole — Abigael Kendal
Mary Nichols — Sarai Dixe
Susan Wiley — Mary Dixe
Mary Lamson — Mary Haugh
John Nichols

14 (5) 76

Ruth Hooper — Sarah Wiley

18 (6) 76

Timothy Wiley — Elizabeth Clarke
Susan Kendal — Susan Davis

20 (8) 76

Mary Everite — Tabatha Kendal

9 (1) 77

Jonathan Parker — John Bancroft

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Hanna Davis Joyned & Baptized.

John Townsend
Samuel Lamson

Abigael Gold
Mary Harndell

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George Tomson
Thomas Parker Jun.
John Eaton Jun.
Thomas Bancroft
Sarah Thomson
Seabred Taylor
Joseph Lawrence
John Browne
Benjamin Fitts
Hananiah Parker
Nathaniel Goodwin
John Pierson
Abigael Nichols
Elizabeth Wiley
Susan Goodwin
Rebecca Eaton
Hanna Eaton

Rebecca Bowtall
Elizabeth Haugh
Sarah Haugh
Deborah Parker
Sarah Bancroft
Abigael Rogers
Mary Swayne
Dorcas Eaton
Sarah Dunton
Mary Browne
Hanna Boynton alias Burnap though she liveth at Newbury yet her earnest desires were granted & she was joyned to this Church and had communion on ye Seals of the covenant & carried Letters of dismission to Rowly Church.

12 (10) 1680

George Tomson being in Dying case desired that hee might have favour to joyne to yt Church tho hee having small hopes to come himself to Gods ordinances yet hoping & desireing Gods Covenant Grace for his posterity his earnest Desires were taken notice of by the pastor with some Brin for a testimony & his case was propounded & hee admitted to church fellowship (tho absent in body) & his children were Baptized.

31 (1) 82

James Bowtall — Elizabeth Fittch

9 (5) 82

Mr. John Winborne Joyned with us in ch fellowship & yet at his request by Letters recommended to ye care of ye church of Christ in York-- Eastward or otherwise.

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14 (4) 83

Tabitha Pierson
Mary Lamson
Sarah Hartshorne
Joseph Browne
John Parker
Jo. Bancroft
83 Capt Swaine
Mary Nichols
Mary Polly
Mary Taylor
Mary Burnap
Sarah Townsend
Eliz. Arnold
Sarai Wesson
Mary Damon
Bethiah Parker
Tho. Nichols
Joanna Gowing

vide p. 26

Brother Briant having Spoken passionately in a Town meeting Some Brin offended notwithstanding some acknowledgment made they cast it into the church Disorderly & unseasonably but after a debate about it consent was given that he must be helped by writeing his acknowledgment being read before the Townsmen on a lectur day satisfaction was given & taken.

Brother Nat. Cutler having greived Some brethrin in prosecuting a complaint yt hee mad against Br Pike a member of Charlstowne church that he might be bound to ye pease for breaking his head they being both in a quarrilling passion about a few cocks of hay, the said brethrin laying hold of the case as within their reach & giving serious warnings they persuaded to be first reconciled in private. Brother Pike being first in acknowledgment they professed & endeavoured reconciliation but after a time Br Pike according to advice made an essay 3 times by word & writeing to Satisfy the Congregation. Br. Cutler (ye day yt hee had a dead corps at home) with others were putt to silence.

20 (2) 77

Benjamin Hartshorn
John Dixe
Thomas Nichols

5 (7) 77

Joseph Hartshorne
Mary Colson

(2) 78

Francis Smith
Elizabeth Winborne

21 (4) 78

Rebecca Hooper
Elizabeth Eaton

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26 (12) 79
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Joshua Eaton Jonathan Eaton

6 (4) 80

Mary Davis alias Widdow Grover after just Satisfaction given, was owned of the Church & her children Baptized.

Joseph Eaton after Just Satisfaction given was ye 19 (7) 80 owned of ye Church & carried Letteres of Dismission to the Church in Beverlie.

24 (10) 80

Rebecca Eaton Mary Thomson

11 (1) 81

Elizabeth Browne Hanna Browne

14 (6) 81

Raham Bancroft Sam. Dixe
Timothy Hartshorne

vid. P. 25

The Church having had Some time of perusing the Booke called the platforme of Discipline, & it being distinctly read in their hearing, & they approved of it for the substance of it to be according to the word of God, their vote being called for, it passed on the Affirmative. 9 (11) 79 & no man Contradicted, thanks be to the Lord.

The Church being asked whither they owned that silent vote they made formerly concerning the weake that say they can't speake their experience of Grace before many (according to ye platforme) at one meeting to Brethrin at another seaven Brethrin owned it 25 (2) 80. The rest (at least) would have some Brethrin Joyned with ye Elders to heare & Judge & represent the Brotherhood, whither the season calls for it, or ye person must speake before sufficient witnesses for ye Churches safety & the persons admonition to learne ye feare of God.

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Mary Davis having broken the seaventh command of God before her marriage had a true sense of her sinne & the dishonor yt came to the Gospell thereby & did bewayle it before the Church, so as they did at length accept of her repentance, & it being published to the Congregation, & she desired to own the Covenant, after she stood a time propounded she was freely acknowledged the 6 (4) 80 to stand as an approved member of the Church capable of ye privileges to her belonging.

13 (11) 81

James Nicholes
Thomas Dammon

Nathaniel Cowdry
Joseph Dammon

3 (1) 82

Samuel Cowdry
John Wesson

Joseph Burnap
John Woodward

The Church consented that Jo. Wesson thou a member of the Church in Salem yet he might take the Covenant heere.

The Church were willing that John Woodward (being under Brother Jo. Brownes education, (& his parents pious in Oe England) should take hold of the Covenant heere.

7 (2) 82

William Hooper
Elizabeth Hooper

Hanna Hooper

23 (2) 82

Sarah Tomson alias Upton

19 (6) 83

Susannah Deverix alias Hartshorne

7 (8) 83

Nathaniel Cutler
Sarai Cutler

Hanna Pike

3 (6) 84

Lydia Burnap
Mary Briant

Sarai Bancroft
Martha Eaton

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7 (7) 84

John Parker — Thomas Burnap
Jeremy Swayne — James Bowtal
Hanna Sternes accepted into love 31 (6) 84
vide 229.

Ralph Dix — Elizabeth Eaton
James Pike Senior Dismissed from Charlestowne.
Josiah Browne — Cornelius Browne
Thomas Taylor Jun.
Mary Mackentir accepted & Baptized.
Deliverance Belflower Baptized accepted.
Sarah Bates
vid p. 22

22 (8) 1684

This Church, in conscious of the Lords exceeding care over us that wee might bring forth fruits meet for amendment of Life. Considering how much wee are concerned in the holy warnings given us referring to ye platforme of discipline, with ye Confession of faith: & the children's interest in ye Covenant, the Lawes for a reformation, and the Lawes for Sanctifycation of ye Sabboth the Synods urging us by some Discovery of the Provoaking evils with certaine expedients to further a reformation, & yt a sollemne renewing of the Covenant to be, (in cases like to ours) not displeasingto God.

Wee, being conscious of our breaking of the tables of ye Covenant by multiplied moral transgressions, with frequent slighting of the new Testament of our Lord and Saviour, with the most Sacred Seales of it: Wee do in the feare of God with selfe condemnings, upon this day of Public humiliation, wee do (from ye least to ye greatest) attend to the Reading of ye Covenant & testify our avouching of the Lord to be ours & our childrens forever; trustingto ye merrits of Christ, and ye exceeding riches of Gods Grace that hee will remember his Covenant made with us & establish it, & give us all hearts to feare him & keep all his Commands allways for our Everlasting good for Ever more Amen.

This daone, in conscience of Gods good will Commended both by the man of God Moses Deut. Chap. 26 & 20 exod. 19 & 20 & Nehemiah Chap. 9 & 10 for our direction encouragement & Admonition & ye Rebukes of our Lord

Abraham Wellman — Sarah Wellman
Isaac Wellman — Hanna Wellman

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3 (11) 1684

A Church order voted, concerning ye Communicants pay for ye Lords table Annually, ye years beginnith March 1st 1684. That every one yt have not communicated at that time i quarter hee or she shall pay nothing, & Such as have communicated above halfe a years they shall pay but for ye halfe yeare, ytnin ye proportion of eighteene pence in Silver for a yeare, to be privately paid to the Deacon within the Season thereof.

John Bowtall
Daniell Eaton
John Wesson Junior.
Rebeccah Nichols
Mary Eaton

vid. y 20

22 (12) 84

John Lilly
William Eaton
Cornelius Browne
Elizabeth Parker
David Hartshorne
Ebenezer Bancroft
Samuell Lilly
John Eaton
John Browne
Mary Burnap
John Bachelor
Matthew Edwards

19 (21) 85

12 (7) 86

Thomas Bowtall
Joseph Davis

17 (1) 86

Mary Poole
Mary Parker
Sarai Browne
Lydia Cutler
Brigett Fitch
Mary Bancroft
Elizabeth Browne
Sarai Bachellor
Mary Cowdry
Judith Mason

20(12) 86

John Parker
Henrie Bachellor
Samuell Parker
Dugliss Tomson
William Cowdry
John Bowtall
Benjamin Swayne
Samuell Poole
William Eaton
George Tomson
Thomas Parker
John Tomson
Samuell Parker
Eliz. Flint.

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7 (6) 87

Susan Lawrence
Mary Eaton

vide

Francis Hutcherson
Mary Burnap
Sarah Browne
John Nichols
Dorcas Gould

Martha Browne

Joshua Eaton
Elizabeth Bancroft
Richard Harnden
Mary Wesson

Brother Seabred Taylor for some misdemenour was privately instructed & warned of the Church, but upon his sense of God therein, was reconciled and unanimously taken into favour againe.

Edward Marshall
Abigael Briggs
Nathaniel Parker
John Burnap
David Hartshorne
Elizabeth Felch
Jonathan Eaton
Rebecca Hartshorne
Thomas Dammon
Mary Taylor
S arai Cutler
Jane Lilly
Henry Bellflour

Marie Smith
Sarah Browne
James Nichols
Samuel Damon
Jonas Eaton
Hanna Pike
Timothy Hartshorne
Martha Hartshorne
Lucian Dammon
Elizabeth Cowdry
Sarah Wesson
Cornelius Browne
William Arnold

Bap & accepted.

Susanna Hooper
Thomas Barnap
John Browne
W illiam Eaton
Margaret Pike
Mary Burt
Joseph Hartshorne
John Woodward
John Parker Junior
James Bowtall Junior
Samuell Smith
Benjamin Hartshorn
Marie Poole

Mary Cutler
Jeremiah Swayne
William Robbins
Nathaniel Gowing
Mary Burnap

Baptized & Confirmed.

John Eaton Junior
Sarah Woodward
Nathaniel Cowdry Jun
Matthew Edwards
Rebeccah Dutton
Elizabeth Hartshorn

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And Sett them in Joynt againe that have been through Infirmity overtaken in any fault amongst us.

(4) Wee will not in ye Congregation be forward to shew our gifts or parts in Speaking, nor be ready to disgrace our Brethrin or discover their faylings, but attend an orderly Call before wee putt forth our selves , doing nothing to the offense of ye Church, but in all things endeavouring our owne & our Brethrins edification & trust God.

(5) Wee further bind our selves in ye strength of Christ to labour how wee may advance the Gospell & how wee may advance the Kingdome of Christ, & how wee may winne & gayne those yt are without & how we may settle grace & peace among our selves, as much as in us lieth the peace of all the Churches, seeking ye helpe & counsell & Direction of other Churches if neede be, not putting any Stumbling block before any, but labouring to stayne from all Appearance of evill.

(6) Wee do hereby promise to behave & demeane our selves obediently in all lawfull things to those that God hath placed over us in ye Church or Commonwealth, Knowing that its our duty not to greive them, but to Encourage them in their places & in the Administration of their Charge that God has committed to them.

(7) Wee resolve in ye same strength to approve our selves in our particular callings, shuning idleness not slothful in business, knowing that idleness is ye bane of any society &c neither will we deale hardly or oppressingly with any wherein wee are the Lords Stewards, Promising to our best abilities to Teach our Children good Knowledge of the Lord that they may also Learne to serve & feare him with us, that it may goe well with them & with us forever.

Memorand 18 (11) 1670

That those words in the tenth line, that is to say, <u>With our Seede after us in their Generations</u> were inserted with the consent of ye Brethrin.

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Daniel Gould
Samuell Sprague
Ebenezer Parker
David Gould
Abraham Gould
Edward Bucknam
Jonathan Griffin

Daniel Gould Jun
Ebenezer Knight
Thomas Cutler
Epherem Larrbee
Jacob How
Joseph Bryant

Thomas Burnap
John Brown
William Eaton
Margaret Pike
Joseph Hartshorne
John Woodward
John Parker June
James Boutel June
Samuel Smith
Benjamin Hartshorn
Mary Pool

Jeremiah Swaine
William Robins
Nathaniel Gowing
Mary Burnap
John Eaton June
Sarah Woodward
Nathaniel Cowdry June
Mathew Edwards
Rebecca Dutton
Elizabeth Hartshorn
Mary Burt Senr
Baptized & Confirmed

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2 11 1687

Voted in the Affirmative that a blameless person, who by His personall Act proffessing his, or her assent publickly Unto the Christian faith according to the word of God, contained in the Holy Scriptures, & His belief in God ye father in J esus Christ His only Son, and in His Holy Spirit to bring him to God, and by renouncing Sin, the world, & Satan, & Solemnly taking the covenant, according to the 5th proposition, in the Synod book 62 as an expedient for the Church seed to receive baptisme for their Children, the which is Ecclesiasticall Charitable reputation may endorce His Right & fittness to be baptised himself & His Children.

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Richard Temple ----Baptised
Job Lane ----Baptised
Edward Polly ----Baptised & Confirmed
John Tonie ----Baptised

June 18 1688 The Revd Mr John Brocke deceased.
July 1 1688 J Pierpont being Invited, preached first at Reading.
Sept 10 1688 J. P. was invited to engage in the work of the ministry in Reading.
June 26 1689 J. Pierpont was Ordained Pastor of the Church in Reading.
July 7 1689 Mercy Hutchinson owned ye Covenant and was Baptised.
Aug 4 Mary Fish owned ye Cove & was Baptised.
Aug 25 Mary & Sarah Burt owned ye Cove & wr Baptised.
Dec 10 John Boutel, Abnah Briant & Jonathan Tompson, Owned the Covnt.
Febu 9 Mary Swain — Eliz Fitch
Eliz Goodwin — Eliz Frothingham
Sar Bennet — Sar Townsend
Abig Weston — Abig Lilly
Jos Fitch — Saml Weston
Tho Rist — Reub Lilly
owned the covenant.
And
Anna Fitch — Mary Hay
John Swain — Saml Swain
Josiah Hodgman
owned the Covnt & were Baptised.

Persons received in to ye Church An Dom 1689.

July 14 Hanah Stearns — Mercy Hutchenson
Aug 11 Eliz Cowdrey — Hanah Duntlin
Sept 8 Shubl Stearns — Mary Fish
Oct 27 Andr Phillips — Saml Pool
Sarah Davis — John T onie, a black.
Dec 29 Willm Eaton — Saml Lilly
Feb 23 Eliz Waltham — Sarah Bennet
Liddea Dix

1690

June 24 1690 Isaac Southwick — Tho Stimson
owned ye Cove & wr Baptised.
July Eliz Cutler, — Delivere Hobs
Mary Jones
Baptised.
Aug 17 Hannah Boutel — Sarah Parker
Liddea Kendal — Sarah Streeter
Tho Briant — Saml Dunton
Ownd the Cov

Persons received into ye Church 1690 (continued)

Nov	23	John Swain	Tho. Pool
		Tho. Bancroft	John Goodwin
		Josh. Davis	
		owned ye Covnant.	
Febbu	15	Deacon Fitch ordained	
Mar		Timothy Willy	Job Lane
Jun	8	Jos. Dutton	Liddea Cutler
		Ruth Dunton	
July	5	Steph Fish	Jos. Burnap
		David Fox	Mary Burt Junr.
Oct.	5	Sarah Upton	Benjamin Swain
		Eben Bancroft	
Nov.	2	Thankf. Parker	
Nov.	23	Liddea Burnap	
Jan.	11	Martha Gold	

1691

May	31	M. Colson	publickly admonished for Fornication.
Jun.	7	Ab. Lilly	publickly admonished for Fornication.
		Hannah Brown	Eliz. Pool
		Mehit. Bancroft	Rebec. Dunton
		Grace Eaton	Susan Hartshorn
Sept		Sarah Hartshorn	Eben Emerson
		Eben. Parker	Nathan Batchelder
		Nicol Brown	Sam'l Frothingham
		Tho. Davis	Nath. Warren
		Owned ye Covnt.	
July	27	Jonath Pool	Ruth Briant
Febr.	7	Phil Makentire	

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1692

Apr Tab. Pond. own'd ye Covont.

May Miriam Merry
Abig. Gold
Abig. Rogers
Adam Hart
own'd ye Covnant.

June John Dickerman
Rebec. Hamlet
John Upton
John Cole
own'd ye Cove. and was Baptized.

July 21 Benjam Larrabee Baptized.

Aug.
Mary Fitch
Eliz. Arnold
Hene Frothingham
Anna Davis
Benj Burnap
Kendal Parker
Willm. Briant
Sarah Boutall
Dorcas Burnap
Bethiah Burnap
Mary Tounsend
Nath. Goodwin
Joh. Nickols
Willm Sawyer

Persons received into the church.

1692

March 13 John Cole Senr.

July 22
Eliz. Newel
John Dickerman
John Boutel
Abiah Briant
Sarah Dickerman
Tho. Boutel
Saml. Bactchelder.

Aug. 14 Elizab. Pierpont

Oct. 16 John Pool Mary Jones

Jan. 1 Mary Eaton Eliz Boutel

1693

Apr. Sarah & Hanah Hartshorn
owned ye Covenant.

June
Deb. Parker
Mary Merrow
Mary Parker
Debe. Merrow
owned ye Covent.

May Jos. Damon manifesting Repentance of a Sin he had committed, was accepted.

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1693

Eliz. Russell — Francis Nurse
Sarah Nurse — Mary Brown
owned ye Covenant.

Persons received into the Church.

March 26 Ruth Eaton

Oct 9 Mary Swain — Sarah Bancroft
Anna Briant — Eliz Brown
Sarah Parker — Sarah Gowing
Hannah Lilly

1694

Marg Leeman — Hephsib. Swain.
John Nichols — John Townsend
James Pierson — Tho. Grover
Saml. Brown — Jos. Carter
Henery Wilson — Ephriem Brown
owned the Covenant.

Josiah Brown — Saml Lambson
Stephen Johnson — Mathew Grover
owned the Covnt.

Persons received into the Church 1694

July 1 John Goodwin — Thom. Bancroft.

15 Marey Pool — Ruth Smith

Jane Abig Boutel — Marg Leeman

1695

Marey Colson & Abig. Lilly manifesting repentance of their Sins were accepted.

April 7 Joanna Jefferds ownd the Covnant.

July 7 Steph Johns admonished for Scandalous Sins afterwards manifesting Repentence was Loosed.

Mary Bancroft — Tabit. Pierson
Mary Everit — Mary Streeter
Rebec Eaton — Mary Lambson
Rebe. Pierse owned the Covenant

Feb. 16 Hannah Endicut Baptized.

Persons received into the Church 1695.

Apr	21	Bridget Pool	Abig. Bancroft
		Henery Cooms	
Jan	21	Francis)	
		Ruth)Smith	

1696

Mary Brown — Tabitha Boutel
Eliz. Edwards
owned the Covenant.

Persons received into the Church 1696

Mehit. Townsend

1697

Apre	Mr Jn Perkins	Richard Nickols
	John Willey	Nathanl Parker
	Kendal Briant	Jonath Bancroft
	Saml Damon	Jonath Parker

Owned ye Covent

May	Sarah Swain	Susanna Goodwin
	Rebec Arnold	Eliz Eaton
	Joanna Lambson	

Owned ye Covent

William Sawyer & Abig. Lilly were admonished publickly for Fornication.

Mary Merrow, & Anna Holden, owned ye Covent.

Sept 5 S arah Hayes, Sarah Grover, Eliz Grover wr Baptized.

Persons received into the Church 1697.

June	4	Mary Swaine	Peter Hinkson
		Stephen Wesson	
Aug	21	Eliz. Upham	Sarah Bates
Sept	19	Eliz. Russel	Hannah Eaton
Nov	28	Anna Fitch	
Dec		Sarah Hayes	Rebec Bates
Feb	27	Willm Russel	

1698

March Thos Grov was admonished for Scandalous evils.
Jan 22 Confessing his sins he was loosed and accepted.
June 26 Jonathan Parker John Makentire
Edward Brown Mary Boutel
Eliz. Boutel Owned the Covnant.

Sept 18 M Salmon was publickly admonished for the Sin of Drunkeness.
Samuel Hart & Sarah Hart, owned the Covent.

Persons received into the Church 1698.

June 26 Tho. Briant
Aug. 21 Mrs Ane Emerson
Oct 7 Sarah Prat Rebecca Upton
Jan 1 John Boutel Sarah Boutel
Feb 26 John Dix.

1699

Apr 30 Sarah Roberts, owned ye Covent & was Baptisd.
July 2 Deborah Hopkins was Baptised.
Febu 5 Tho Nickols & John Bancroft, owned ye Covent.
Febu Rebec Nickols Hannah Elsely
Barbara Elsely Hannah Streeter
Owned the covent.

Persons received into the Church 1699.

March 12 Mary Jiggles Tho Pool
Apr 2 John Going Ellenor Larrabee
Apr 9 John Prat
Oct 15 Mrs Reb. Brown Deborah Hopkins
Dec 24 Mary Briant Mary Batchelder
Rebec Davis
Feb 4 Tabitha Goodwin Grace Boutel
Abig Upham Eliz Hastings.

1700

March 31 Wm Sawyr manifesting Repentance, was accepted.
July 28 Hannah Cannady owned the Covent and was Baptised, with her Children. David Cannady also owned the Covent and was Baptised.
Aug 18 John Ingersol, owned the Covent and was Baptised.
Sept Mary Rich ownd ye Covent. -- Abig Boutel, owned ye Covenant, and was Baptised.
Novemb Han Bates own'd the Covenant.
Decemb 1 Mary Salmon was cast out of the Church for continuing in the Sin of Drunkeness, after publick admonition.

Persons received into the Church 1700.

March John Parker Elizab. Parker
May 12 Feltch Hannah Green
June 9 Dorcas Walden
July 7 Rebec Parker
Sept 1 Mary Bancroft Mehitab Parker
Octob 6 Hannah Cannady
Nov 3 Deliver Parker
Decemb 22 Eliz Burnap

1701

April 13 Mary Roberts Ann Roberts
Eliz Roberts
owned the Covenant, and was Baptised.
May 14 Mary Damon Abigail Parker
Han. Eaton Sarah Eaton
Bethiah Parker Mary Nickols
Tabitha Briant Thomas Nickols
Kendal Boutel
May 25 Raham Bancroft James Nickols
Willm Arnold Joseph Eaton
Owned the Covenant.
June 22 John Peirson Joshua Eaton
John Foster Joseph Underwood
Owned ye Covenant.
David Hartshorn, and Rebecka his wife were dismissed to the Church in Norwich.
Sarah Ebbon Lucy Damon
Dorcas Gold
Owned ye Covenant.

Persons received into the Church 1701.

May	11	Tabitha Boutel	Nicol Brown
July	13	Susanna Roberts	
Aug	10	Rebec Pool	
Aug	17	Priscilla Smith	
Nov	2	Mrs Flint	Rebec Brown
Jan	11	Samuel Damon, June	John Bancroft June.

1702

Eliz Swain — Mary Harvard
Mehet Gold
Owned the Covenant.

Samuel Merrow having been guilty of fraudulent dealing and lyeing, the Church sent to him to come to them on May 3 but he came not.

May 17 The Church sent for him again, but he came not. It was then voted by the Church yt he should be admonished for his sins.

July 26 He was sent for, came, and was admonished.

May 31 Judith Bancroft & Eliz Eaton owned ye Covent.

July Eliz Parker — Martha Emmons
Kendal Goodwin — Timothy Willey
Owned the Covenant.

Sept 13 Rebec Pierson — Abig Wellman — Sept 20
Owned the Covenant.

Oct 11 Hannah Brown

Nov 8 Sarah Welman Ow'nd Covt.

Nov 15 Abig. Ebbons Own'd the Covent & was baptised.

Nov Sam'l Walton — John Smith
Isaac Smith — Nath Evens
Owned ye Covenant
The last of these was baptised

Dec Annis Gowing owned the covenant.

Feb 7 Jonath Barret — Abig Barret
Daniel Gold
own'd ye Covenant.
The first of these was Baptised.

Persons received into the Church 1702.

March	1	Nathaniel Parker	Jonathan Parker
May	31	Eliz Boutel	
June	7	Mr Peter Emerson	
June	28	Hephs Pierson	Tabitha Burnap
		Sarah Swain	Mary Parker
		Hannah Sterns	
Aug	30	Sarah Brown	Joseph Hastings
Oct	4	Mary Feltch	
Nov	1	Sarah Townsend	
Febu	28	John Pierson, June	

1703

Apr. 25 Mrs Jenkinson, owned the Covenant.

May 9 Mary Jefferds owned the Covenant.

Aug. 1 John Wesson
Ebenezar Damon
Ebene Taylor
Tho. Eaton
Jonath. Eaton
own'd ye Covent.

Octob.3 Marg. Bates owned the Covnant.

Nov. 14 Ruth Taylor owned the Covenant.

Jan. 2 Bethyah Williams, own'd the Covent and was Baptized.

Susanna Parker
Sarah Boutell
Dorcas Burnap
Abigail Damon
Susanna Boutel
Hannah Merry
own'd the Covent.

Febu. 6 Hannah White own'd the Covent.

-- 20 Rebecca Hinkson, own'd the Covent, and was Baptised.

Received into the Church 1703

Apr. 18 Sarah Pike
Daniel Snow
James Pierson
John Townsend

May 30 Sarah Bancroft
Thomas Wesson
Deborah Temple

Aug. 1 Eliz Cutler

Oct. 24 Eliz Wellman

Febu 20 Mary Brown

1704

Apr. 30 Cathon Smith, & Mary Walton Own'd ye Covent.

May 7 Naomi Grover was baptised

-- 28 Anna Foster & Sarah Foster were baptised.

July 16 Mary Cann Publickly manifested Repentance of a Sin she had formerly Commited, and owned the Covenant.

July 30 Abig Eaton own'd the Covenant.

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1704

Aug. 1 Mary Green, (formerly Parker) dismissed to the Church in Woburn.

Mary Polly, Dismissed to the Church at Colchester, in Connecte.

Aug 20 Mary Batchelder, Mary Arnold, Mary Fish, Sarah Fish & Sarah Daniels own'd the Covenant.

Persons received into the Church An. Dom. 1704

March 19 Anne Roberts.

April 9 Dorcas Sawyer. Sarah Foster

May 7 Jonath. Barret Abigail Barret

June 4 Tho. Upham

-- 25 Anna Holdin

July 30 Martha Parker

Sept 3 Mrs. Jenkinson Tabitha Brooks

Oct. 15 Ruth Taylor

Dec. 17 Richard Belcher

1705

Joseph Hartshorn, & Sarah his wife now dismissed to the Church in Dedham.

Aug. 12 Judith Nichols, Sarah Lampson & Phineas Upham, Junr. Owned the Covenant.

Sep. 2 Benjamin Willey, Joseph Damon, Timothy Goodwin, & Ebenezer Nickols, Owned the covenant.

Octob. 7 Kendal Pierson, & John Bates owned the Covenant.

Nov. 4 Ebene Damon Abraham Wesson, Benjame Johnson, & James Nickols, own'd the Covenant.

Nov. 25 Tim. Hartshorn, Junior Own'd the Covenant. Miriam Ashfield, was Baptized.

Jan 13 Susanna Pierson Mary Boutel Dorcas Eaton , Phebe Eaton owned the Covenant.

Received into the Church An. Dom 1705

March 11	Abigail Garey	
April 15	Eliz. Batchdor	John Walker
Aug. 10	Sarah Gold	
Sept. 10	Eliz. Briant	Eliz. Makentire.
Oct. 26	Rebec Pierson	Mary Nichols
Dec. 2	Tabitha Briant Joanna Lambson	Abig. Eaton
Dec. 9	Judith Bancroft	Eliz. Eaton
Febr. 10	John Smith Abig. Hawkins	Eliz. Smith John Nickols Junr.

1706

Mar. 31	Eliz. Bacheldor Hephsibah Brown	Eliz. Bancroft Eliz. Jefferds
	own'd ye Covenant	
Apr. 28	Sarah Lewis entered into Covenant was Baptized.	
June 16	Mary Pierson Esther Damon	Eliz Willey Tabitha Burnap
	own'd the Covenant	
July 14	Hannah Wellman own'd ye Covent.	
-- 28	Mary Jenkins	Martha Chadwick
	entered into Covenant and were Baptised.	

Persons received into the Church An. Dom. 1706

March 10	Barbara Elseley	Mary Batchelder
April 14	William Briant.	
May 5	Bethiah Parker Sarah Eaton	Eliz. Grover
June 2	Eliz Lambson	
Aug. 30	Mary Brown (Wid) Rebec Briant	Mary Nickols Jose Underwood

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Persons received into the Church An. Dom. 1706

Sept.	22	Susanna Parker	
Oct.	20	Batchelder Sarah Batchelder	Hannah Batchelder Eliz. Cutler.
Oct.	20	Phebe Brown Jonathan Eaton	Hanah White
Dec	15	Nathan Goodwin	Ebenezer Emerson
Jan.	26	Kendal Goodwin	

1707

May	23	John Layton own'd the Covenant.
June	8	Mary Gold, own'd the Covenant.
--	22	Eliz. Dix, owned the Covenant.
July	6	Joseph Parker, Eben Parker, & Timothy Manning, Own'd the Covenant.
Oct.	26	Saml Lewis, entred into Covenant, & was Baptised.
Jan.	4	Jane Belcher, & Mary Grover owned the Covenant.
Dece.	31	Tho. Boutel, was chosen Deacon N. B.

Persons received into the Church 1707

Apr.	14	Phebe Rise	
May	25	Kendal Parker	
July	20	Tho. Taylor	
Aug.	24	Mary Taylor	
Sept.	21	Mrs. Sarah Hart	
Nov.	23	Martha Makentire	
Dec.	7	Susanna Brown	Hannah Garey

1708

May 23 Eliz. Harndel, was Baptised.

June 12 Mary Eaton own'd the Covenant.

Sept. 5 John Lambson Thomas Burnap
Mercy Damon Sarah Burnap
own'd the Covenant

N. B.

Sept 12 Thomas Boutel was ordained a Deacon of ye Church.

Oct. 3 Tho. Eaton, (Lyn) own'd the Covenant.

Nov. 7 Rachel Atwel, Baptised.

Dec. 26 Mary Stimson entered into Covenant and was Baptised.

Persons received into the Church. 1708

Mar.	21	Saml. Holdin	Thomas Nickols Junr.
June	27	Joseph Damon	
July	25	Ruth Parker	Samuel Parker (LYN)
Aug.	8	Susanna Pierson	Judith Nickols
Sept.	12	Abigail Nickols	
Oct.	10	Sarah Wellman	

1709

Apr. 3 Mary Knight, own'd the Covenant.

-- 17 Rebeckah Miller own'd the Covenant.

May Eliz. Boutel and Susanna Pond, own'd the Covenant.

The Reverend Mr. Jonathan Pierson Departed this Life on Ye 2 June 1709.

Persons received into ye Church 1709

Apr. 17 Mary Jenkins.

1711

Apr. 22nd — R. Brown upon invitation given, first preached at Reading & accepted ye Call given him to ye Pastoral office in yt Church about ye 12th of September & ws admitted in to ye Church ye Sabbath before his ordination.

R. Brown ws ordained pastor of ye Church June 25, 1712.

1712

January 18 — The Church being Stayed afte ye publick worship ws ended did, at ye Request of Anna Barret now of Charlestown formerly Bryant of Reading & a member of ye Church by Vote, readily dismissed ye Sd Anna Barrot To ye watch, fellowship & comunion of ye Church in Mauldon.

February 16 — John Roby and hannah his wife ws in time past was guilty of ye Sin of fornication, did now humble them selves and confessing ye Sin taking Shame and blame to ye Selves, ws accepted into favour in ye church.

July 6th — John Burnap and his wife both admited members of ye Church upon yr Request to ys Church, wr orderly dismist & recomended to ye Church of Christ at Windham.

Noveme 13 — At a Legal Mooting of ye Church in Reading Noveme 13th 1712.

Lt John Pearson (Lynn)& Capt Thomas Nichols were chosen to ye office of Deacons in this church.

Persons yt have owned ye Covenant 1712.

Aug 10th — John Merrow Junr.
Aug 24 — Samuell Stearns (Lyn)
Sept 28 — Elizabeth Boutel
Nov 16 — Joshua Felt
Nov 23d — John Slaughter
Dec 28th — Sarah Jeffords Mary Eaton (Lyn)

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Persons Received into Church fellowship since I w s ordained. viz.

July	20	Shubael Stearns
Aug	24	Mary wife of Jo. Eaton
Sept	28	Kendal Pearson & Lydia his wife. (Lyn)
		Dorcas Brown
		Nath Stowe
		Elizabeth Bancroft & Mary Briant.
Nov	23	Timothy Hartshorn June.
		Joshua Felt
		Elizabeth Nickols
		Sarah Felt
Dec	28	Joseph Eaton Esther Gowing

1713.

November Saml1 Brown now of Boxford at his desire ws dismist from ye watch of ys to yt of ye Church at Bradford.

Persons yt have owned ye Covenant 1713.

Jan 4th	Mary Libbet (Lyn)
Feb 15	John Roby Jonathan Gowing
March 8th	Caleb Taylor Thomas Parker
	Thomas Wesson Joseph Arnold
May 24	Elizabeth Cowdrey Elizabeth Damon
June 14	Thomas Green (Maldon)
Aug 2	Mary Eburn (Lyn)
Sept 13	Abigail daughte of Ens Parker.
	Sarah daughter of Abra. Bri. June.
	Hannah Damon Abigail Wright
Oct 11	Benjamin Damon Obediah Parker
	John Lilley
Oct 24	John Fish & Mary ye wife of Jno Fish
Feb 7th	Tabitha Goodwin

May 9th	Susanna Cowdrey
July 25	Iss abell Hays & Joannah Phillips (Charls)
Jan 16	Abigail Hodgman.

1713 A record of Such as are received in ye Church.

Jan 24	Matthew Grover Mercy Damon
	Hannah Bates
Feb 8	Samuel Dix Timothy Goodwin
	James Smith
	Mary wife of Saml1 Brown.
	Eliz wife of Tim Goodwin.
March 8th	Nathaniel Batchelder Abiel Goodwin
May 24th	Samuel Lewis and Sarah Lewis his wife.

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1713 A Record of Such as are received in ye Church.

May 24th Lucy ye wife of K. Boutel.
May 31 Caleb Taylor
July 12 Wm Batchelder
Aug 16 Thomas Green (Mauldon)
Aug 30th Eliza wife of Nath. Parker June.
Sept 13th Ephraim Chandler
Octobe 11th Hannah Eaton
Nov 8th Samuell Leman Thomas Parker
Nov 15th Hepsibah Brown

1714.

April 4th Then John Walker and his wife formerly Inhabitants of ye Town & admited members of ye Church, now being by ye Providence, ---- bounds out all ye habitations , removed to West town and ye more conveniency desireing to be dismist to ye Church ye accordingly ws dismist by vote of ye Church of ys to yt watch & fellowship of ye Church ye.

June 12 The Church being Stayed after ye Pub worship was ended. Then Sarah ye wife of James Pike and Elizabeth ye wife John Lampson upon ye request ws dismist fr us to ye watch and fellowship of ye Church of Weston.

Also, Then Hannah Bates (yt w s) ws at her request dismist from us to ye watch and fellowship of ye Church at Mansfield.

November 14 The Church being Stayed afte ye Publick worship ws Ended. Then Mary Jones , (now Hook) wo had been formerly admonished v ye Sin of fornication, manifesting repentance and desiring forgiveness, ws received and released. She also desiring admiss ion to ye Church at Attleburroh ws accordingly dismissed.

December

Mrs Hannah ye wife of Mr John Bancroft (Lyn) being at her request dismist from ye Church at Maldon to his church, ws by a vote of yt church received to our Comunion.

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A record of Such as have owned ye Covenant 1714.

April 24th Thomas Hutchinson & Elizabeth his wife.
Mary Slaughter Sarah Slaughter (Lyn)
May 8th John Dickerman

A record of Such as are received in ye Church 1714.

April 4th John Batchelder
June 27th Jonathan Nickols
Aug 15th John Stearns Naomi Grover
Mary Boutel
Sept 12 Anna Brown
Sept 26 Jonathan Parker
Jan 9th Eliz wife to Jonath Nickols.

1715

April 12 At a Legal Mooting of ye Church, April 12th 1715. It was voted that for ye year next ensuing every communicant Should pay 2 S for ye Support of ye ordinance of ye Lords Supper.

May 22 Elizabeth Jaffords alias Hinckson ws publickly admonished for ye Sin of fornication and manifesting repentance ws forgiven and received again into charity.

June 28 Doct Lawrence being at his desire dismist orderly from ye Church of Groton was by a vote of ye Church recd into our Comunion.

A Record of Such as have owned ye Covenant 1715

June 15 Martha Williams
July 31 Jonathan Hibbard Ruth Fish
Sarah Grover (of Char't).
Aug 14 Abigail Hadly wife of Anthony Hadley & Mary Holden.
Sept 11 Hannah daughter of Henry Green of Charlestown owned ye Covenant.

A Record of Such as are received into ye Church 1715.

April 17th Susannah Harndel
May 1 Samuell Bancroft
May 22 Martha (wife of Nath. Gowing.
June 5th Mary Eaton
June 15th Timothy Bauldwin June.
Sarah Bancroft ye wife of S. B.

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A Record of Such as are received into ye Church 1715.

June	28th	D. Nath Larence (Dismist fr ye Church of Groton) ws recd to or Comn.
July	17th	Mary wife of Z ac Howard. Eliz. Harndell
Aug	7th	Ebenezer Parker Jonathan Gowing Joanna Goold
Sept	18th	Joseph Parker
Novr	13th	Samll Hart.

1716

September 16	ye Church being Stayed Judith Parker & Thomas Parker and Hepsibah hiw wife being removed fr us to Marblehead & desiring admission from us to ye first church yr, wr accordingly dismist by a vote of yt chh: to ye watch, fellowship and domunion of ye Sd chh: yr.
November 11	John Dickerman & his wife being removed to Milton & desiring a Dismission fr ye Church to ye chh yr ys chh's mind being asked, did readily comply to ye desire and by a vote dismist ye to y watch and comunian of ye Chh of Milton.

A Record of Such as have owned the Covenant 1716.

May	6th	Samll Foster owned ye Cove & ws Baptized.
May	27th	Martha Hartshorn ownd ye Covent.
June	10th	Elizabeth ye wife of Eben Damon Senr. Susanna Damon
July	8th	Mercy Fish Abigail Roberts Eliz abeth Taylor
July	15th	Hannah daughter of Jno Eaton. Sarah Furbush
October	28	Sarah Goold of C. T. End.

A Record of Such as are received into ye Church 1716.

April	29th	Benjamin Burnap Benjamin Bigsby Martha Bigsby his wife Timothy Manning & his wife, Susanna Manning. Ruth Upham of Charlst End.

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A Record of Such as are received into ye Church 1716

May	13th	Kendall Boutell John Wiley
		Samuell Lambson Benjamin Damon
		Thomas Upham June
		Dorcas wife of John Wiley
		Mercy ye wife of Benj Damon
May	27th	Isaac Smith & his wife Mary
		Ann Nickols Abigail Taylor
		Elizabeth Upham
June	10th	Kendal Briant
		Raham Bancroft of Reading
June	24th	John Layton
July	15th	John Bates
		Mary Cole wife of Jno Cole
		Sarah wife of Step Wesson Sene
		Mary wife of Natt. Goodwin
Sept	2nd	Elizabeth Taylor Sarah Furbush
Octob	7th	Abigail Aburn
Novr	11th	Mary Wesson
Feb	10th	Esther Pool Dorcas Burnap

1717

October	20	After ye Publick worship ws ended. The Chh ws Stayed, and ye Desires of Josoph Hastings & Elizabeth his wife to be dismist to ye Chh a Weston: as also ye desires of Banjamin Bigsby & Martha his wife for dismission fr us to ye Chh at Killinsloy ws Signifyed to this Chh wo did readily Comply to ye respective desires & by ye Vote dismist y- afte ye desires, to ye watch & comunion of yes Chhs respectively.
October	27	The Church being Stayd afte ye publick worship ws ended. Samuell Smith yt is removed to Mansfield desireing ys Chh to dismiss him to ye Chh yr ys Church did accordingly by ye vote Dismiss him.

Those yt have ownd ye Covet 1717.

June	16th	Tabitha Brown
Feb	2nd	Thomas Cutler (Charlestown) &
		Hannah Green of Malden.
Feb	9th	Mehitable Damon

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A Record of Such as are received into ye Church 1717.

March	23rd	Ebenezer Nicols
July	21	Mr Jonathan Pierpont Hannah Wesson
Aug	18	Thomas Nicols June Sarah Briant
Novr	3d	Sarah Hawks (Lynn)
Janey	5th	Joannah Phillips
Feb 9th		Mary Phillips (Charlest End) & Lydia Bancroft Dismist fr Newbury West Chh to us.

1718.

October	19	The Church being Stayed, afte publick worship ws ended, Priscilla ye wife of ye Sd Samll Smith desiring to be dismist from us to ye chh of Mansfield, ye chh did accordingly by ye vote dismiss her.

Those yt have owned ye Covet 1718.

March	2nd	Judeth wife of Jno Goold June of Charlestown End.
Augt	24	Anna ye wife of Ebenezer Knight ownd ye Covenant.

A Record of Such as are recd into full Communion 1718.

March	30th	Jonathan Pool June
May	11	Joel Jenkins
June	29	Mr. Nathaniel Henchman Edward Brown
		Benjamin Pool
		Sarah wife of Danll Goold Senr.
July	6	Sarah, wife to Edwd Brown
July	20	Hannah Hay Sarah Nickols
		Elizabeth Parker
July	27	Hannah Walton
Sept	14	Mary Fish Ruth Fish
October	12	Lydia Eaton Anna Knight (Charlst)
Novr	9	Daniell Goold Sene
Novr	30	Ebenezer Knight
		Daniel Goold June

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August 6 Then Sarah How manifesting repentance of her Sin was recd to favour.

December 13 Then Thomas Cutler and his wife manifesting repentance v ye Sin of fornication ws recd to ye charity and watch again.

Those yt have ownd ye Covenant 1719

Augt 9th Rebecca Prat.

1719 A record of Such as are recd into full Communion.

April 26 Elizabeth Baldwin

May 24 Tho. Burt Senr aged 78 yrs.

31 William flint & Abigail his wife.

June 7 Naomi Holding.

July 26 Mary Eaton aged 77 Sarah Prat.

Augt 2 Mary wife of Jno Fish.

9 Ann ye wife of Ensign Jonathan Parker
Mary Flint.

Sept 20th Bethiah wife to Benj Pool

Novr 8 Mary ye wife of Tho. Rich.

1720

March 27 The Chh being Stayd afte ye publick worship ws over. The Desires of Some of ye Lynn Neighbours (yt belonged to ye chh) for a Dismission order to ye being a Chh. by ys yr, ws Signifyed to ye Chh, and a vote asked and ye desires ws granted, but by a Stand vote in ye affermitive & not one in ye negative.

Ye names wr Jno Pearson, John Tounsend, Samuell Parker, William Eaton, James Pearson, John Going, John Bancroft, Nath Going, Jno Bancroft Jun Jonathan Going ten in all.

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1720

April 5th I recd a lettr from or Lyn Neighbours, directed to or Chh, requesting or help to ordain Mr. Sparhawk yr on ye 13th instant, & April 10th I Stayed ye Chh afte ye public worship ws ended, and read ye Sd Lettr to ym and Signifyd my unwillingness to go, with ye reasons for it upon we Lt. Parker Stood up & Sd he thought it not best to send, & so Sd Capt Burnap, and no word ws Sd By any one for sending, upon we I proposed to ye Chh yt if yy wr not for Sending now I would take yr Silence for consent, & no man Sd a word.

Having received a petition dated May 24th 1720 Signed by Thomas Briant, John Eaton, Thomas Taylor Jonathan Parker, Samll Dix, Samll Lewis, Caleb Taylor, Thomas Nickols William Flint, Benjamin Damon, Samll Leman & Thomas Burt all members in full comunion wth this Chh; for a Dismission fr us in ordr to yr being embodyed into a Chh: State yr in or North Precinct. This yr desire ws Layd before ye Church this 5th day of June and ye Church did by a Clear vote dismiss ym according to yr request.

Sept. 4th Timothy Maning desiring ye Chh. to Dismiss him in ordr to his embodying with the Chh. yt is to be gatherd at Sutton, ye Chh. did at his request by yr vote Dismiss him.

Janey 1 Elizabeth Boutel alias Sybley & Susanna Maning a ye request by Timothy Maning preferd to me, R: B: ws carryd up ye request to or Chh. ws dismist by a vote of ys Chh: to ye watch & comunion of ye Chh. of X in Sutton.

Feb. Mary Eaton dismissed fr us to Medford.

The Covenant of ye first Chh in Reading, being in a loose papr we is liable to be Shatterd and Lost, & I thinking it might be a service to ye Chh. to have it inserted in ys book for its bettr security, did Janey 1 1720 ask ye Chh. leave to record it here, we they agreed into by a Silential vote, & accordingly I have faithfully recorded it on ye following Leaf.

R. D. Brown

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A record of Such as are received into full Communion.

May 22	Judeth Goold of Charlst End .	
June 12	Phoebe Nichols.	
Augt 14	Mehitable Brisnt.	
Sept 11	Ann Merrow	
18	Elizabeth Pool	Ruth Boutel
	Mary Burnap	Rebecca Burnap
Octob 9	Anna Emerson	
16	Elizabeth Cowdry	Susanna Cowdry
30	John Merrow Junr	Tabitha Goodwin
	Mary Boutoll	Mary Goodwin
	Judeth Pool	Tabitha Boutoll
Novr 27	Susanna Tounsend	Abigail Roberts

Janey 1 William Hay & Abigail his wife added to ye Chh. by ye dismission from ye first Chh in Marblehead to us, Signifyd by letter to us Signd by ye Pastor, & by ye unanimous vote of ye Chh.: receiving ym under or watch & care, & to or Comunion.

A Coppy of ye Covenant made at ye Gathering of ye First Church in Reading in New England, about ye year 1644

We whose names are undr written, do Covenant with ye Ld & one with another, & do solemnly bind oes before ye Ld and his people yt we will thru ye help of Christ strengthening of us, walk aftr ye Ld in all his ways, according as he has traced them out to us in his word of grace & truth. &

1 We Avouch ye Ld to be or God & give up ourselves (wth our seed aftr us in their Generations) to be his people, in ye Truth & Sincerity of or hearts.

2 We give up ourselves to ye Ld Jesus Christ to be ruled & guided by him in ye mattrs of his worship, & in our whole conversation, Acknowledging him not only or alone Saviour, but also or King to reign & rule over us, our Prophet and Teacher by his word & Spirit, forsaking all othr Teachers & Doctrines we he has not Comanded : & we wholly disclaim or own Right in point of Justification, & look at it as a monstrous Cloath; & do cleave unto him for Righteousness & life, grace, & glory.

3 We do farther promise by ye help of Christ to walk with our Brethren & Sisters of ye Congregation, in ye Spirit of brotherly love, watching over them & careing for them; avoiding all jeaousies, Suspitions backbiteings, censurings, quarrelings, & Secret risings of heart against them; forgiving & forbareing & yet Seasonably admonishing & restoreing them by a Spirit of meekness, And Sett them in Joynt again that have been thru infirmity overtaken in any fault among us.

4 We will not in ye Congregation be forward to Show our gifts or parts in Speaking nor be ready to disgrace our brethren or discover ye failings, but attend an orderly call before we put forth ourselves, doing nothing to the offence of ye Church, but in all things endeavouring our own & our brethrens edification & trust in God.

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A Copy of ye Covenant made at ye Gathering of ye First Church in Reading in New England, about ye year 1644.

5 We farther bind ourselves in the strength of Christ to labour how we may advance the Gospel, and how we may advance the Kingdome of Christ, & how we may winn & gain them yt are without, and how we may settle grace and peace among ourselves, and Seek as much as in us lieth the peace of all the churches; Seeking the help, and Counsel & Direction of other Churches if need be not putting any Stumbling block before any, but labouring to abstain from all appearance of evill.

6 We do hereby promise to behave and demean ourselves obediently in all lawfull things to those yt God hath placed over us in ye Church and Commonwealth: knowing yt its our duty not to grieve them, but to encourage them in their places, and in ye administration of ye Charge yt God hath committed to them.

7 We resolve in ye Same Strength to approve ourselves in our particular callings, Shuning idleness, not Slothfull in business, knowing yt idleness is ye bane of any Society & c : neither will we deal hardly or oppressingly with any wr in we are the Lords Stewards: promising to our best abilities to teach our Children the good knowledge of the Lord, yt they may also learn to serve & fear him with us, yt it may go well with them & with us forever.

A List of the Names of ye Brethren & Sisters Now belonging to ye first Chh: in Reading, taken this 3d day of January Anno 1720/21 here followeth.

A Chatelogue of ye brethren & Sisters in full Comunion in ye first Chh of Reading, here undr followeth.

1	S	Richard Brown Pastor & Martha his wife.
2	D	Thomas Boutell & Abigail his wife.
3	D	Thomas Nichols & Rebecca his wife.
		Joel Jenkins
		John Tounsend & Sarah his wife
		Thomas Bancroft & Mary his wife.
		Lydia Bancroft
		Sarah Bancroft Widdow
		Samuel Bancroft & Sarah his wife.
		Raham Bancroft & Abigail his wife.
		Stephen Wesson & Sarah his wife.
		Phebe Rice
		Joseph Damon & Mary his wife.
		Kendal Goodwin & Mary his wife.
		Hannah Wesson
		Mary Feltch
		Mary Wesson Widdow
		Joanna Wesson
		John Parker & Eliz his wife.
		Nathaniel Goodwin & Mary his wife.
		Widdow Parker
		Deborah Temple
		John Boutel & Sarah his wife.
		Sarah Foster
		Abigail Nichols
		Joseph Parker & Eliz his wife.
		Mary ye wife of Jno Fish
		Joseph Eaton & Mary his wife.
		Samuel Lilley & Hannah his wife.
		Jeremiah Sweayn & Sarah his wife.
		John Merrow Junr
		Deliverance wife of Jno Merrow Sene.
		Ann ye wife of Jno Merrow Junr.
		Nathaniel Parker Junr.& Eliz his wife.
		Widdow Sarah Briant.
		Nathaniell Stow
		Sarah Briant
		Meh.tabell Briant
		James Nichols
		Sarah Nichols
		Joseph Burnap & his wife.
		Thomas Pool & Rebecca his wife.
		Nathaniel Parker Senr. and his w ife.
		Samuell Damon & his wife.
		Widdow Grace Boutell
		Tabitha Boutell

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A Chatelogue of ye brethren& Sisters in full Comunion in ye first Chh of Reading, here-undr followeth.

Samuell Lambson & Eliz his wife.
Jonathan Parker & Barbary his wife.
Joanna Nichols
Jonathan Nichols & Phebe his wife.
Nathaniell Batchelder & Hannah his wife.
Timothy Hartshorn Senr & his wife.
Timothy Hartshorn Junr.
Eben Emerson & Mary his wife.
Eliz ye wife of Steph Parker.
Goodwife Roberts
Dorkas Brown
Abigail Roberts
Sarah Pool
John Woodwardand his wife.
Petr Emerson & Anna his wife, & Anna ye daughter.
Mary Burt
John Prat & his wife & Sarah Prat ye daughter.
Widdow Brown
John Batchelder and his wife.
Widdow Batchelder
Ebenezer Nichols and his wife.
John Dix & his wife.
Lt Sweayn and his wife.
Ruth Boutell
Lt Hananiah Parker & his wife.
Ebenezer Parker & his wife.
Susanna Townsend
Susanna Brown
Anna Brown
Edward Brown and his wife
John Brown & his wife
Mary wife to Samll Brown
Sergt Tho Burnap & his wife
Mary Burnap &
Rebecca Burnap
Jonathan Pool & Esther his wife.
Thomas Wesson
Benjamin Pool
Widdow Jeagles
Thomas Nichols & Mary his wife
Capt Jonathan Pool & Bridget his wife.
Timothy Wiley Senr & his wife.
John Wiley & his wife
Mary Wiley
John Smith & his wife
James Smith & Abigail his wife.
Dea Francis Smith
Isaac Smith & his wife.
Timothy Goodwin & his wife.
Mrs. Pierpont
Mr. Jonathan Pierpont.

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A Chatelogue of ye brethren & Sisters, in full Comunion in ye first Chh of Reading here undr followeth.

Wm Briant & Rebecca his wife.
Benja Burnap & Eliza his wife.
Mary Hodgman
Kendall Boutell & Lucy his wife.
Mary Boutell
Dea Jno Goodwin & his wife.
Tabitha Goodwin
Mary Goodwin
Wm Hay & Abigail his wife
Rebecca Davis widdow
John Nichols Senr & his wife
John Nichols Junr.
Dorkas Briant widdow
Kendal Briant & his wife
Tabitha Briantn
Thomas Damon & his wife
Mary Eaton
Lydia Eaton
Jonathan Eaton & his wife
Lt. Kendal Parker & his wife
Widdow Taylor
Widow Brown
Widow Cowdry
Tabitha Cowdry 16
Susanna Cowdry 40
Elisabeth Cowdry 42
Mary Fish 43
Ruth Fish 43
All yet belong to Reading 184

Membrs of ys Chh: belonging to Lyn: End not yet dismist by us are yet following viz:

Lt. Jno Pool & Mary his wife.
Judeth Pool
Sarah Bates
Kendal Pierson & Lydia his wife
Rebecca Williams
Samll Hart
Sarah Hart
Shubael Stearns
Hannah Walton
William Russel & Elizabeth his wife
William Batchelder
Goody Welman
Isaac Welman & his wife
Joshua Felt & his mother
Sarah Hawkes

Membrs of or Chh: in or Mauldon Neighbourhood: viz.

Thomas Upham & his wife.
Eliz. Upham ye wife of Richrd Upham .
Thomas Green & his wife.
ye wife of James Taylor.

Membrs of ys Chh: in or Charlstown neighbourhood :viz.

Widdow Goold
Daniel Goold Senr & his wife
Danll Goold Junr and his wife.
Mary Phillips
ye wife of James Hay
D. Laurance & his wife.
Ebenez er Knight & his wife.
John Houlden and his wife.
Naomi Holden
Thomas Gary's wife.
W idow Belcher
Joanna Lawrance
Mercy Parker
Judeth Goold ye wife of Jno Goold Junr.
Timothy Baldwin & his wife
Mrs Hay
Hannah Hay
Mrs Abigail Gary
Goody Cutler

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In all ye Total is	236

Psons received to full Comunion since I came.

Feb 12 1720.

Abraham Smith & Elizabeth Smith his wife.

Legal Meeting May 25 1721.

At a Legal meeting of ye Church May 25, 1721. The chh Covet ws read.

Capt Pool, Capt Burnap, Lt Pool, D. Nath Lararance, Mr Smith, Ens Goodwin & Ens Bancroft wr chosen to look ovr ye DDs accts of ye Contributions made for ye poor in Several yrs past & make report to ye Chh.

They reported yt ye accts wr clear & yt wt mony had been laid out ws done prudently & noth. but wt ws needs: & yt Should they declare how, they believed all wd be Satisfyd wth wc answr ye chh apprd well pleasd.

Voted yt each membr pay 2 S pr head toward ye support of ye ordinance of ye Lds Suppr for ys yr ensuing wc begins July next.

Voted, yt ye Chh accept all ye Deacons accts & are Satisfyd with yr faithfulness, and acquit ym fr all wr in they have been concernd in providing for ye Lords Table before ys Day & for all ye othr management of contributions.

June 4th 1721

June4th 1721. Matthew Grover being removed from us to Coventree & Desireing a dismission for himself & wife fr us to yr.

The Chh: voted yr Dismission and t o yr reqt & to recomend ym as Such wm we an give Testimony for.

August 2nd 1721.

August 2nd Recieving a Lettr from Several persons in Woster in ye name of ye rest of ym yt are agrieved at ye Settlement of Mr Andrew Gardener yr, wr in they request ye presence & help of or Chh by its Elder & messengrs or messengr, togethr with yos of Diverse othr Chhs sent too, wo are all desird to Conveen in Couns el on yt occasion, on ye 16th currant.

Accordingly Augt 6th I Stayd ye Chh, aftr ye publick worship ws done read yr Lettrs & proposd yr request, & yt if ys Chh would send & wr free yt Capt Burnap should go with me, they should manifest it by holding up yr hands wc many, did menine Contradicente.

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Sept 17th 1721

This day John Brown Junr (wo has been guilty of ye Sin of fornication) acknowledging his Sin & manifesting Repentance ws received to favour again.

Feb 19th 1721/2

Thomas Nichols ws ordaind Deacon of the first church in Reading.

Psons received to full Comunion since I came. 1721.

March	26	Susanna Hartshorn
Ap:	3d	Eliz abeth Gary
May	14	Nath: Cowdry & his wife.
		Mehetabel Cowdry
June	4	Elizabeth Nichols
		Elizabeth Emerson
	13	Margaret Allin
July	16	Ivory Upham
		Hannah Burnap
	30	Rebecca Bucknam (Charlest)
Octo:	29	Rebecca Prat &
		Rebecca Batchelder
Dec:	10	Abigail Briant
Janey	21	John Sweayn
		Tho: Cutler Junr
		John Tounsend Junr

1722

I haveing received a Lettr from ye agrieved party at W oster Dated April 18 1722, to be Comunicated to or Chh: wr in psuant to ye advice of ye Counsel yt last mett yr, yy requests or presence & advice, accordingly May 13, 1722. Read yr Lettr to ys Chh & desird ym to Signify yr minds. Capt Pool, Deacon Boutell, Lt Wm Briant & Lt Parker Spake to oppose or Sending, Capt Bool urged ye length of ye way, Lt Briant affirmd, ye Counsel yt ws last yr unanimously agreed, yt Mr Gardeners call, & Sett lemt to & in Woster ws right & yr upon advised ye Dissenting

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1722

party to fall in, & Lt Kendal Parker objected yt but one party sent & yr fore he thout it ws not best fr us to send, bec. both did not Joyn wr upon I calld for ye vote of ye Chh & but few hands wr held up fr it, & yrf I desird ye negative, & it seemed to me yt upon wt Lt Parker Sd more voted against it yn for it wrf I goe not.

May 28 1722

At a legal meeting of the first Chh. in Reading May 28, 1722. ye End to Chuse a Deacon .

Deacon Nichols, James Nicols & Lt Sweayn being necessarily absent sent yr votes some discourse yr ws about allowing ym it ws put to vote & voted in ye affirmative by all ye brethren present, except Mr. Wily L. Bryant & Lt Kendal Parker.

N. B. Brother Francis Smith & Brother John Goodwin wr chosen to ye office of Deacons in ys Chh.

ANNO 1722

There haveing been Sad confustion we I often observed for Several years past, (& did often in ye publick wth trouble I pray might be reformd) in or Singing, Some wr above othrs Some before othrs & and all ys as I apprehended for want of going more together we I urged to know purpose: under yt yr ws A rule I Lookt on it, & concieveing ye Knowl: & keeping to ye rule would prevent ys confusion in yt pt of publick worship; I promoted learning to Sing to yt End, several publick Lettrs wr had to promote him, ye 1 preacht by myselfe, 2nd by Mr Symes, ye 3d by Mr Fish wr much ws Sd to encourage it & in each of we yy Sang 4 time exact by ye rule, no man opposing a School ws set up, may both men & women learnt some indeed wr not so clear in it (as by mistake) concieving it popery but at lenght having been encouraged by Several as by all ye Deacons, Capt Pool & Capt Burnap, Ensign Bancroft, Sergt Thomas Pool & Lt Briant (who mett wth ym a ye school) yt learnt, ye first night yy began Sang wth ym, wisht ym success, 4 of his family attended ye Schools, he Learnt hims: Sang by rule in his family, diverse months together, & as I observed often Sang by rule in the publick, & as I hear, Set ye tune by rule 3 times in ye publick one day, wn I was sick)

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ANNO 1722

Lt Kendal Parker; & urged by some to bring it into ye Assembly & especially by the D: Boutel ye Eldest Deacon, Diverse times--

Novr 8th being Thanksgiving day aftr ye publick worship ws ovr I proposed it to ye Church & Congregation to Sing by rule, & by wt I had heard not expecting any opposition, I sd that if they wr all willing I would take ye Silence for Consent & no man answerd one word, but all wr Silent & went away.

Novr 8th 1722 Whereas Several Persons of this Parish did some yrs past Subscribe to give something annnually, for five years to ye Support of ye Revd Mr. Daniel Putnum called to be minister in or North Precinct, & some of yes men are dead, & others of ym removed out of Town, wr by Considerable yt ws subscribed is behind, & said Mr. Putnum at present (as is Sd) is in great strats; some considerable men of the parish Signifying this to me, desird I would move to ys Congreation for a Contribution to make up wt ws wanting of ye Subscription by reason of ye Defunct & removed as afore Sd ; Accordingly Dec 2 1722 afte ye publick ws ended, I Signifyd yr desire to ye Congregation & yt if yy wr free to Contribute fr ye End afore Sd yy would speedily let me know yr minds herein, yt I might appoint ye Time for Sd Contribution; & accordingly ye Selectmen, Deacons, & Diverse othrs came & told me it ws a good thing we they desird might proceed; frfore Dec 9th I appointed ye next Sabbath for yt contribution to be on; And Dec. 16; 1722. This parish contributed to ye End aforesd, & ye contribution to 5 £ 17 S 0

Feb. 24 1722 Joseph Underwood & his wife being removed from us to Chelmsford, he speaking to me to Signify to ys Chh yr desire of Dismission from us to ye Chh yr; Accordingly,

Feb 24 1722 Aftr ye publick worship ws ovr, I proposed ye Desire to ys Chh and called for a vote by we yr Desire of Dismission to ye watch & fellowship of ye Chh at Chelmsford ws complyed unto.

Persons yt ownd ye Covenant 1722

Dec: 16 Sarah Hull ownd ye Cove: & ws baptized.

Psons recieved to full Communion since I came 1722

March 4th Ebenezer Damon & Doras Damon his wife.

Ap: 1 Hep-zibah Woodward.

June 3 Sarah Boutell

July 8th Mary Goodwin
Eliz. Parker

Octo 21 Stephen Wesson
Sarah Welman

Janey 19 Tabitha Brown

1723

October 27th This Day Susannah Harndell ye now wife of Joseph Kendal of Woburn haveing been gilty of ye Sin of fornication acknowledging her Sin, ws recd to Charity.

1723 Susannah ye wife of Thomas Hartshorn ws at her repeated request, dismist from us to ye Chh. in ye North precinct.

Persons received to full Communion 1723

March 10th Ruth Boutel wife of T. Boutel

22nd Richard Nicols

June 16th Joannah Prat.

Augt 4th Elizabeth Prat
Susannah Upham

25th Mary Sweayn

Octob. 1 Joseph Wesson

Novr 17th Joannah Wesson

Dec. 1 Isaac Welman
Mary Welman

Feb. 16th Ephraim Wesson
Deac Brown Emerson

1724

Wm. Russel & his wife now of Salem village haveing signified to me yr desire of Dismission of ys first Chh. in Reading to ye Chh. in Salem village accordingly yr desire ws proposed.

Novr. 1724	29th 1724	To this Chh, & by vote consented unto.
Jan:	10th	Or Congregation contributed £9 -- 3 -- 0 towards redeeming Blanchard children.
	14th	I deliverd Sd contribution to Sd Blanchard for ye End above Sd & took his receipt.
		R. B.
Jan	17th	This day I Enformd ye Chh of Ephraim Chandlers fall into ye Sin of fornication, & he making confessing ye Chh manifested yr acceptance & by yr vote received him again to yr Charity.
		This Day Brother John Leighton & his wife desired dismission to ye Church of Lexinton & ye Chh granted it by yr vote.
	31	Samuell Damon ws (at his) request dismist from us to ye watch & communion of ye Chh. at Woburn.

Those yt have owned ye Covenant

Decr: 31 1724 Eliza Gary wife to John Gary of Charlst:End.

Those that are received to full Communion 1724

Mar	1	Thomas Eaton
	15	James Wesson
		Elias Smith
Apr	5th	John Parker Junr & Sarah Parker his wife.
May	17	Stephen Wesson Junr
June	7th	Thomas Wiley
July	5th	Sarah Evins
Augt	2d	Joseph Bancroft
Sept	19th	Benjamin Brown
Novr	8th	Ruth Bancroft

1725

Decr 12th ye Chh. being Stayd Thomas Nichols & Eliz: his wife yt had been dismist fr us to ye Chh. in ye North Precinct, being returned to live with us & at yr desire recd Lettrs of Dismission fr ym to us, ys Day I read ye lettr to our Chh, wo yr upon by yr vote recd ym to or fellowship & watch again.

Those that are received to full Communion 1725

Mar. 7th Timothy Pratt
Ap: 11 Elizabeth Gary wife to Jo. Gary
Apr. 18 Abigail ye wife of Samuell Nichols dismist fr Wenham & recied to or watch & Communion.
June 6th Elizabeth Goold wife of Benj. Goold Charls.
Feb. 27th Ruth Lambson

N. B. She makes up 201.

1726

April 24th This Day Brother Francis Smith & John Goodwin wr both ordained Deacons of ye first Chh. in Reading by ye consent & vote of ye Chh.

pr Rd. Brown Pastor.

July 13th This Day was observed to God by ye Chh. & Congregation, as a Day of Solemn fasting & prayr, for ye Chh, & ye Riseing generation, & ys Chh. ys Day solemnly recongnized & renued yr Covenant wth God both for ym & yr Seed.

Sept 18th Susanna Cowdry alias Burrell being removed from us to Boston & desiring to be dismissed fr us to ye new North Chh, yr, ys, CHh by yr vote complyd to her request.

R. B.

Octobr 9th Thomas Upham desireing a dismission, from us to ye Chh. in Weston (wr he is removed) ys Chh. voted his dismission accd to his request this day.

R. B.

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1726

Dec. 18th John Stearnes being removed to Toland in ye Province of Conneticut, & desireing a dismission from us to ye Chh. yr, his desire ws this day signifyd to ys Chh, we voted his dismission & recommendation according to his request.

R. B.

Those yt have ownd the Covenant 1726

Augt 7th Mary ye wife of Jo Walton owned ye Covenant & ws baptizd.

Psons recieved into full Communion 1726.

Mar:	13th	Benjamin Parker
		Jonathan Woodward
De	27th	John Damon
		James Townsend
May	1	Natnaniell Emerson
		Hepsibah Emerson
		Ebenezer Wesson
De	22nd	Benjamin Smith
		Elizabeth Smith his W
		Sarah Wesson
Augt	7th	Timothy Wesson & Abigail his wife
Sept	18th	John Walton & Mary his wife
		Abigail Smith
	25th	Mrs Deborah Brintnall
Octob	9th	Benjamin Wesson
		Unice Wesson
	23d	Hannah Nichols, w to T. Nichols
Decr	18th	Lidia ye wife of Nath: Eaton
Jan	15th	Eben: Nichols Junr & Susanna his wife
Feb	26th	Nathaniell Eaton

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Sept 24th Sarah Nichols ye now wife of Joseph Barnap Junr, ws at her request dismist to ye Chh in ye North Precinct.

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Dec 28 At a church meeting for takeing in 27 psons yt stood propounded for full Communion.

I proposed to ye Chh Ephraim Chandlers desire of being Dismist from us & by us recommended to ye watch & fellowship of ye 2nd Chh in Chelmsford & it ws readily voted by ye Chh, nemine Contradiconte.

Jan: 7th Ye Chh being Stayd at Evening I Signifyd to ye Chh ytprcieving Some of or peop: wr uneas ie at Benj Chaplin, Tho: Gowing, & Benj Gowing, Abigail Brown, & Joanna Corcker Joyning to or chh t o wc yy have been propounded bec: yy are in difference at Lyn End not yet healed & yt D: P; has been with me, & Signifyd So much, & so Lt Pearson & D: Bancroft, & yt if yy had made up yr Differ: wth Mr Sparhawk & wr at peace yr, yy wr free yy Should Joyn here and farthr yt I had bec: of wt opposition ws laid in ye way (as above Sd) desird ym to desist at present till we had more light in yt mattr. ---- Farther I told ye Chh yt Martha Townsend of Lyn End desird admission into full communion here & yt Abigail Gowing desird Baptisme here & Mary ye Daughter of John Hawks desird Baptisme & yt I could not undrs by ym, (yt is) ye 2 farmer yt yy wr any way Engaged in yr quarrels, but desird to come here now bec yr ws So much difference yr, & I desird again and again yt if any one of ye Chh wr not free to comply wth yr desires yy would speak & declare it, & Some Sd they thout ye Mattr clear, & yr needed no more to be Sd & B: Jo: Parker Speaking at my request, Sd he thout

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it ye Churchs duty to allow yr requests & no man contradicting it, I dismist ye Chh.

Jan : 14th 1727

After ye publick worship ws Ended. I Signifyd to ye Chh yt severell persons Stood propounded fr ye full Communion, and bec: ye days wr Short & yrfore it could not well be done on a Sab: even: I desired yt ye Chh would meet for yr admission into church fellowship on thursday next at 1 oClock & if yt Day proved Stormy yn ye next day at one of ye Clock in ye aftrnoon.

Jan : 18th 1727

It proved clear but a very Cold Day, I waited till past one oClock and no pson apprd at ye meeting house, at ¾ past one I got ready to go yr, and going into ye Kitching (with my Cloake on) in ordr to go to ye meeting house, about 12 of ye brethren wr yrin ye Kitching, & prayd ye meeting might be here at my house bec: of ye Sharpness of ye present cold. I told ym yt phaps ye Chh wd expect us at ye meeting house & I ws going yr yy pleaded ye Cold ws Such yt yy could not well bare it & desird it might be here, If it wd not be a trouble to me: I told ym if ye Chh wr Easy it wd be no trouble to me: they S d yy bec: ye Chh wd be glad of it. I told ym yt Some phaps wd depend on ye Chhs meeting yr & yd not know of ye meeting here, however at yr Earnest request, I Desird Ens: Nichols & Jo Merrow to go to ye Meeting house & desire yos yt wr yr, to come here bec: of ye present cold & so yy did & ye Chh here mett proceeded to Recieve ye Relations of & to admitt yos to full communion yt Stood propounded for it. Except 3yt did not appr & one of ym had not given me in her relation. Ys is write ye more fully bec: I hear Some that came at about 3 oClock wr unreasonably troubled or angry at ye Chhs meeting here & Samll Lambson ws ye man yt Showd most uneasiness & denyd ye Legallity of ye meeting however 16 psons wr yn & here Recd without any objection.

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Feb: 18th 1727/8

Haveing recd a lettr directed to or Chh from Sundry aggreved of ye Congregational Chh in Portsmouth Rodeiland requesting or help & advice in & undr yr difficulties. I this day read it to ye Chh wo voted to send & Tho Nichols Junr wth me.

ite We went accd: Ap: 1 1727.

Those yt ownd ye Covenant 1727.

Mar:	26th	Elizabeth Merrow
Decr	10th	Timothy Pool & his wife
		Elizabeth Pool
	17th	James Brown
	24	Benjamin Southwick
		Samuel Salter
		Josiah Walton
		John Pratt
		Mary Nichols
	31	David Green
		John Nichols
		Sarah Parker
		Tabitha Cowdry
		Mary Cowdry
		Dorkas Damon
		Anna Bryant
Jan	7th	Mary Parker
		Rebecca Parker
		Sarah Wesson
		Rebecca Cowdry
		Susanna Brown
		Symond Stow
	14th	Ruth Joy
		James Nichols 3d
		Joanna Nichols
		Anna Burnap
		William Batt
	21	Abigail Gowing
		Mary Lambson
		Isaac Burnap
		Sarah Parker
		Ruth Smith
		Susanna Jeffords
		Ebenez er Foster
		Mary Hawks
		Mary Brown
		Katherine)
		& Susanna) Negros

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Persons yt ownd ye Cove. 1727.

Jan	28	Mary Hawks
		Jonathan Lilley
		John Burnap
		Sarah Pool
		Mary Smith
		Sarah Smith
		Rebecca Bryant
		Elizabeth Goodwin
Feb	11th	John Bryant
		Martha Burnap
		Elizab: Smith
		Abigail Goold
		Mary Adams
	25th	Eliz: wife of Davd Goold
		Priscilla a negro of Justice B. Pools

Psons recd to full Communion 1727.

May	7th	Isaac Wesson
Decr	10th	Sarah Sawyer
		Eliza: Stimpson
		Eliza: Batchelder
		Hannah Batchelder
	17th	Rd Upham dismist from Maulden & recd here.
De	28th	Thomas Burnap &
		Sarah Burnap
		Joseph Bryant &
		Sarah Bryant
		Anna Pierpont
		Lucy Emerson
		Jane Emerson
		Eliza: Batchelder
		Rebec: Boutell
		Dorkas Boutell
		Josiah Brown
		Samuell Pratt
		Phineas Parker
		Eliza Townsend
		Mary Parker
		Hannah Boutell
		Bethiah Burnap
		Abraham Goold
		Mary Goold
		William Cowdry
		Mary Cowdry
		Jonathan Temple

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Psons recd to full Communion 1727.

Dec 28	John ---- Temple
	Tabitha -- Townsend
At a chh meet	Elizabeth Wesson
yes 27 recd	Elizabeth Lambson
	Kendall Bryant
Jan 18th	John Poole
	John --- Eaton
	Thomas --- Bancroft Junr
at a chh	Nathaniell --- Goodwin
meeting yes	John --- Batt
16, wr recd	Abigail---Nichols
ye chh mett	Sarah --- Bates
at ye	Hannah --- Walton
Pastrs	Joannah - Jeffords
house	Rebecca - Davise
because of	David -- Green
ye Extra	Edward -- Bucknam
Cold	James-- Nichols Junr
	Elizabeth Hartshorn
	Rebecca-- Mellandi
	Phebe--- Temple

1728

Apl 19th 1728

I recd a lettr directed to or chh from Some of ye agrieved in Lynn-End, in ye name of ye rest, accd

Ap: 21 aftr ye publick worship ws ended I read it to ye Chh Jo. Eaton Sam: Lambson, & Jo Merrow Junr opposed it & Deacon Smith old Ens Parker, James N ichols Senr Capt Burnap & Tho: Nichols 3 wr for it. A vote ws calld fr, and it w s voted for Sending by agt Majority & Capt Parker Lt Bancroft & Samll Lilly wr voted to go with me yr as ws requested by a Silential vote.

Augt 11 1728.

Ivory Upham ws dismist from or Chh to yt of Killinslyby an hand vote of ys Chh.

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Persons yt ownd ye Cove 1728.

Mar:	3d	Mary Bancroft
		Jabez Temple
		Nath: Parker 3d
		Thomas Rice
		Joseph Damon
	31	Samuell Brown
		Samuell Bancroft
		Elizabeth Brown
		Susannah Goold
		Abigail Damon
June	2nd	Wm Johnson ownd ye Cove: & ws Baptiz ed.
Sept	1	Sarah May
		Phebe Gary
		Hannah Charnock
		Mary Gary
		Priscillah Griffin
Novr	17	Hannah Grover

Persons admit: to Com: 1728.

Mar:	14	Mary Holden
		Sarah Parker
		Martha Townsend
		Mary Stimpson
		Dorkas Brown
		Samuell Batchelder
		Jonathan Griffin
		Sarah Griffin
		Elizabeth Burnap
		Mary Lilley
		Thomas Sweayn
		David Goold
		Eliz ab: Goold
		Elizabeth Merrow
		Daniell Nichols
		Susanna Brown
		Ann Taylor
		Joanna Nichols
		Eben: Parker of R.
		Hannah Parker
	31	Willia m Bryant
		Thomas Nichols

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Persons admit: to Com: 1728.

Ap:	21	Benj: Swain &
		Sarah Swain his wife
		Sarah Wesson
	28	Benjamin Wiley
		James Nichols 3d.
May	19	Timothy Nichols
June	2nd	Hannah Cutler
		Rebecca Boutel
July	7th	Mary Williams
		John Burnap
	28th	Hannah wife of Tho. Cutler
		Mary wife to Tho: Green
		Hannah Tompson of Woburn
		Sarah Parker
		Mary Nichols
Octo	27th	Mehetable Nichol s
Novr	17	Samll Lambson Junr
Jan	5	Abigail Brown) of Lyn
		Joannah Crocker)
		Eliz: Richardson of Woburn

1729

June 20 1729

Haveing recieved a petition Dated June 18 1729 Signed by Daniel Goold, Daniell Goold Junr, Ebenezer K night , David Goold, Ebenezer Parker, Abraham Goold, Edward Bucknam, Tho: Cutler, Joseph Bryant & Jonathan Griffin (10 in all) all of Stonham, but members in full Communion wth us Chh, for a dismission fr us in order to yr Embodying wth Some othrs into a Chh State yr in Stonham, as soon as conveniently yy may. This yr desire ws laid before ys Chh, & I desirdyt if any one had any thing to object against it he wd do so: but no one did, yr fore I desired yt if ye brethren of ys Chh did comply to yr request, and dismist ym & yt yy be dismist fr or care & watch as soon as yy wr Embodied into a Chh yr in Stonham, yt yy wd Show it by yr usual Sign wc yy did nemine contradicente. June 29 1729.

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Jan: 4th 1729
The Chh being stayed ye desire of yes Eleven members of ys Chh viz: Anna Holden Naomi Holden, Eliza. Gary, wife of Benj. Gary Eliza: wife of Jo. Gary, Hannah Gary, Abigaill Taylor, Mary Souter, Hannah Hay, Judeth Goold Sarah Goold, & Eliza Goold, for a dismission from us to ye chh in Stonham was granted, and accordingly yy wr now dismist accd: to yr request.

Persons yt owned the Covenant 1729

Mar:	2nd	Unice Green
Apl:	20th	Abigail ye wife of Tho: Gary Junr. of Stonh:
May	11th	Phebe ye wife of Noah Eaton.
Augt	10th	Annah Swain & Hepzibah Swain
Feb.	8th	Elizabeth Green

Persons recieved to full Communion 1729

Mar:	2	Thomas Gary) Jonathan Dix)
June	8th	Eben: Felch) Lydia Felch)
	29th	Ephraim Brown)
Augt	24	Elizabeth Smith) Ruth Smith)
Octo:	26th	Abigail Parker) Elizabeth Pool) Mary Lambson)
Feb:	1	Simon Stow Samuel Salter
Feb:	22nd	Martha Brown) Sarah Parker)

1730

June 7th 1730
Jonathan Brown & his wife haveing been guilty of fornication, in haveing a child to soon, They both ownd yr Sins to ye Chh before ye Congregation, gave glory to God, begd forgivness of him & ye Church, tho he wr only a child of ye Chh by his baptism, but She had ownd ye Covenant & ye Chh takeing Satisfaction from yt humble confession restored ym to ye Charity and allowed ym baptism for yr child, we ws on ys day baptized thy being to move to Billerica on next Tuesday.

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1730

July 5th 1730
Margaret Swain alias ordoway ws At her request, by ye vote of ys Chh dismist to ye watch and Communion of yt Chh in Newbury wr of Mr Lowell is pastor.

Augt 23 1730
ye Chh being Stayed after ye publick worship ws ended; Mrs Martha Brown now Wigglesworth, ws at her Request, by ye vote of ye Chh dismist to ye watch & Communion of ye 3d Chh in Ipswich.

Sept. 27 1730
Danniell Nickols & Elizabeth his now wife, being found guilty of fornication by haveing a child born to ym in 6 months & two days they this day aftr Sermon in ye Sabbath Evening confessed their Sin & guilt to ye Chh Before ye Congregation, and begd forgiveness of G & this chh, & ye chh yr upon forgave ym & restored ym to yr Charity & Communion again & to ye priviledge of special ordinances, yy being both members of ys chh.

Persons yt have ownd ye Covenant 1730

July 5th	Elizabeth Lambert
Janey 24th	Mary Wiley

Persons recieved to full Communion 1730

Mar:	8th	Benja. Hartshorn
	29th	Jabez Temple)
		Mary Adams)
		Joanna Cowdry)
Augt:	16th	Elizabeth Hinkson
		James Brown

1731

Persons recieved to full Communion 1731

Mar:	25th	Benjamin Chaplin
May	16	Rebecca Pool recd by dismis: fr L. End
June	13	Joseph Eaton Junr.
Augt	29	Elizab: his wife by dismission fr Lynn
Feb:	6	Hannah Swain)
		Dorothy Merrow)

1732

May 14th 1732
This day Ephraim Wesson & his wife, & John Batt & his wife confessed yr Sin of fornication to ye Chh & obtained forgivness & wr recieved to Charity again.

Item
this day Samuell Lilly & his wife at yr request wr dismist from us to ye Chh in Sutton.

Item
Abigail Nickols ws at her desire dismist from from us to ye second Chh in Marblehead wrof Mr. Holyoke is pastor.

The Reverand Mr. Richard Brown Departed this Life on ye 20 October. 1732

Persons recieved to full Communion 1732

Margarett All)
Wm. Glenne)
Mary Glenne)
Augt. 13th James Parker)

William Hobby was Invited to preach at Reading Decr 17: 1732
to us Pastoral Office May 1st 1733.

Which Invitation he Accepted on ye Latter End of June next following & was Ordained Pastor of ye first Church in Reading Sepr. 5th 1733

The Church whose Assistance was Asked were ye following Ten The O North to wch he belonged, ye New North, ye N Brick tnese in Boston, ye Church of Cambridge, ye Church of Malden, ye Church of Lynn, ye Church of Lynn End ye Church of Woburn ye Church of Stoneham, ye Second Church in Reading.

The Service of ye Day was Carryed on in ye following Manner Mr. Emerson of Malden began wth Prayer Mr. Appleton of Cambridge preach'd from those words in 2nd Timo 2d Ch 21 v. After which Mr Wellstead of Boston prayed Mr. Webb of Boston gave the Charge, & Mr. Putnam of Reading ye right hand of Fellowship-- the Psalm proposd & a Blessing given by hm Ordained,---- May he Obtain Mercy from ye Lord to be found faithful.

The Complaint of Brothr Isaac Smith against Brothr Wm. Bryant Junr. brought to mr to be laid bef: ys Chh: is as followeth: viz

To ye Revd Mr. Brown pastor of ye first Chh. in Reading, Revd. Sr.

1733

Octo 21
ye Service of ye Sabbath being Over I Stayed ye Church to Signify to them ye Desires of Stephen Wesson and James Townsend wth yr wives, all Members in full Communion wth ye 1st Chh in Reading, to be dismissed from yr Relation to us in Order to yr Embodying into a Chh at Wilmington wch: Desire was Complyed wth Nemine Contradic: A Sabbath or two before this Time were Dismissed Capt. Kendal Pierpont wth his wife to ye Same Church in Wilmington, & Mr. Ephraim Goodwin to ye Church of Sutton of wch Mr. Hall is Pastor.

Decr. 23d
After Service, were Dismissed Jonathan Barrett & Rebeccah his wife to ye Church of Christ in Malden.

Persons recieved to full Communion 1733

Octo.	21st	Mary Wiley
Decr.	9th	Ruth Upham
	29th	Phoeby Eaton
Janey	13th	Mary Mansfield)
		Mary Walton)
Feby	10th	Samll Wesson)
		Wm. Bancroft)
	17th	Noah Eaton
March	24th	Anna Parker

1734

March 31st
After Service was Dismissed Mary Brooks(recd into ye Chh under ye name of Mary Boutell), to ye Chh of Christ in Medford.

July 8th
At a Church Meeting assembled at ye Desire of John Wesson & Eliza. his wife who Demanded Baptism for yr Child she haveing Ownd ye Covenant in ye Church; a Number of Circumstances Concurring to prove yr Innocence Notwithstanding yt Child

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was born in Six Months & nine days; it was then voted (ye Persons Concerned then appearing to Assert ye Innocence in a Most Solemn Manner) yt Baptism be Allowed to the Infant.
at ye Same Time voted that there be an Addition of One Shilling to ye two Shillings formerly Imposed on Each particular Member in Order to ye making a proper provision of Elements for ye Lds Table.

Feb. 23d
ye Service of ye Sabbath being finished I Stayd who Dismist Mrs. Mary Fish, at her request, to ye Chh of Christ in Meridam, of wch ye Revd Mr. Dorr is Minister.

Persons who recieve full Communion. 1734

May 5th	John Smith Deacn
Sept 22d	John Wesson
	Thomas Temple
Novr 17th	Saml1. Bancroft Junr.
Dec. 8th	Isaac Burnap
22	Robt. Tompson
	Abigail his wife.
Jany 5th	Susannah Foster
	Sarah Emerson
	Elisabeth Wesson
Feb. 23d	Abigail Bacheller

1735

Augt. 3d
The Service of ye Sabbath being Over I Stayd ye Chh. who recd into yr Communion. James Townsend & Eliza: his wife upon ye Recommendation from ye Chh of Wilmington, to wch Chh. they had Sometime before been Dismissed and recommended.

Nov 2 1735
The Service of Sabbath being over Signifyd to Chh: ye Desires of Mr Saml1 Bacheller to be dismist to Third Church of Christ in Haverhill who Voted his Dismission; I also Signifyd ye Desires of Sd church in Haverhill, if we woud by our Elder & Messengers, Assist in ye Ordination of Mr Saml1 Bacheller to ye Pastoral Office in that Church, wch Desires were Opposd; I then Nominated Deacon Goodwin Capt Parker Capt Nicolls Capt Bryant Mr Underwood Mr Nathanl1 Bacheller as ye Delegates or Messengers wch ye Chh agreed to.

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1735

Nov 30th 1735.

The Service of ye Sabbath being over, I Stayed ye Chh & Signifyd to ym ye Desires of Judith Procter (formerly recd into ye Chh under ye Name of Judith Nicolls) to be dismist from her relation to us, I recomended to ye Second Chh of Christ in Woburn, wch was readily granted.

Persons yt have Ownd ye Covenant 1735.

Octo	19th	Chester	Negro Servt of Deacon Boutell ownd ye Covt: and was Baptised.

Persons Recd to full Communion 1735.

March	23d	Hannah Parker
Apll	20th	Ruth Bryant
May	4th	Daniel Emerson
		Jonas Eaton
		Mary Cowdry
		Lydia Parker
June	1st	Martha Upham
		Ruth Upham
June	29th	Joseph Dammon Junr
July	27th	Mary Eaton
Augt	3d	James Townsend &
		Eliza: his wife dismist from Wilmington
Octo	19	Joseph Underwood
		Robt Smith
Nov	2d	Jeremiah Sweyn Junr
	16th	Henry Merrow
		Abigaill his wife
		Jona Parker Junr

1736

Apl 4th 1736.

Ye Service of ye Sabbath being over I proposd to ye Chh ye Desires of Eliza: Welch to be dismist from us & Recommended to Dr Colmans Chh of Boston, wch desires were readily Complyd wth. A Sabbath or two before y: was Benja: Chaplin at his request dismist & recomended to ye Second Chh of Christ in Windham of wch Mr Samll Moseley is Pastor.

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1736

June 24th 1736.

Upon a Complaint brot before me by a Number of ye Brethren of ye Chh against Brother Eben: Dammon & Kendal Bryant Junr ye One of Whom on Brother Dammon Charging Brother Bryant wth Drunkeness, ye other, Brother Bryant Accusing Brother Dammon of Slander; I Desird ye Chh to meet on ye day to Consider of these points of Difference. Accordingly yy did so When Brother Dammon persisted in Charging his Brother Bryant wth Drunkeness. Brother Bryant thohe disownd ye Charge of Habitual Drunkeness yet seemd disposd to Acknowledge, that he had been Overtaken wth ye Sin of Drunkeness: provided it might be thot an Unchristian proceedure in any, to Call him a Drunkard upon Such Acknowledgmt. Wherupon the Church passed a Vote yt: it shoud be look:d upon as something Unchristian & Unjustifiable, to Call Brother Bryant a Drunkard upon his Acknowledgment Upon wch Vote Brother Bryant Acknowledged yt Whereas he had been guilty of ye Sin of Drunkeness by wch he had Offended ye Chh; he was Heartily Sorry for his Sin & beggd forgiveness of Gd; & his Church. This Acknowledgmt ye Church lookd upon as Satisfaction, & thereupon recd: him to yr Charity.

July 4th 1736.

Daniel Dodge & his wife together wth Mary Adams this day Confessd ye Sin of Fornication, & were again received to Charity.

July 18th 1736.

Phebe ye wife of Joseph Rist was ye day dismist from her Relation to us & recommended to ye Chh : of Christ at Uxbridge; Nathan Webb Past.

Nov 21st 1736.

Isaac Burnap & Wife this day confessd ye Sin of Fornication their Child being born in a little more than six Months after Marriage, and so were again received to ye Charityof ye Church.

Decr 5th 1736.

This Day upon yr Desire Timo: Goodwin & Wife were Dismist & recommended to ye Chh of Christ in Willington in Connecticut of wch ye Revd Mr Fuller is Pastor.

On ys Also was had a Letter Signd Benja Lynde, Benj Lynde Junr in ye name of ye Brethren Worshipping in ye Antient place

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1736

Decr 5th 1736.

of worship in Salem: Signifying yr Desires yt: we woud by our Elder & Messengers Assist in ye Ordinat of Mr John Sparhawk to ye Pastoral Care over ym; after this was read a Letter Signd Samll Fisk Pastor, Nath Osgood, Timo Pickering &c in ye name of ye First Chh in Salem: protesting agn our Assistance in aforesd Ordinat: After a very short Debate ye Chh unanimously Voted Assistance by ye Elder Deacon Goodwin, Peter Emerson, & Capt Parker.

Jan 9th 1736/7.

Wm Williams, Timo Bryant & Wife this day Acknowledgd ye Sin of Fornication & were agn received to Charity.

Persons yt have Ownd ye Covenant 1736.

March	14th	Primus, Negro Servt of Mr Joseph Dammon Ownd ye Covt & was Baptized.
May	30th	Ruth Bancroft wife to Mr Raham Bancroft Own'd ye Covt and was Baptized.

Persons Recd to full Communion 1736.

March	28	James Goodwin
		Jona Nicolls
		Josh: Parker
Apl	4th	Eliza: Dammon
May	2d	Ruth Nicolls
		Mary Nicolls
		David Bancroft
		Tho: Burnap
June	13th	Ruth Bancroft wife Raham
July	4th	Martha Parker
Augt	1st	John Boutell Junr
		Anna Parker
Sept	19th	Ann Hutchinson
		Mary Nicolls
Octo	10th	Timo: Burnap
		Dorcas Gold
Decr	5th	Nath: Brown
	26th	Jona Eaton
		Sarah Parker
Jany	16th	Jeremy Bryant
Feb	13th	Timo: Wiley
		John Nicolls Junr

1737

March 6th 1737.

The Church being Stayed John Wesson & wife were at yr request dismist & recomended to ye Chh of X at Willington in Connecticut.

March 13th 1737.

Nathll Cowdry and Mehitabel his wife at their request were Dismist their relation to us, and recommended to ye Chh of Christ in East Haddam.

June 12 1737.

Eliza: Boutell formerly Eliza Bacheller was at her request dismist from us & recommended to ye Chh of Christ in Sutton.

June 26 1737.

Isaac Wellman & Mary his wife were at their request dismist from us & recommended to ye Chh of Christ at Norton.

Octo 2nd 1737.

At ye Same time Dorcas Dodge were dismist to ye Chh at Dudley.

Stephen Wesson & Hannah his wife, Timo: Wesson and Abigail his wife were at their Desire dismist and recommended to ye Chh of Christ in Concord.

Octo 4th 1737.

This Day at a Meeting of ye Chh Mr Raham Bancroft and Mr Nathll Stow, were Chosen to ye Office of Deacons on ye day also Ebenezer Parker Junr: upon Complaint laid agst him for ye Sin Drunkeness, and full proof of ye Charge was laid under a Solemn Admonition, & Suspension for ye Space of Six Months.

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Feb. 26

Joseph Eaton Junr & wife were at ye Request dismist & recomended to Chh in Lyn End.

Feb. 28

At a Chh Meeting then Voted yt whereas in times past ye Communion table had been Maintaind by a Rate, it should the Coming Year be Maintained by a free contribution. Votd Likewise at ye Same Time yt ye Chh wd speeedily proceed to ye Choice of two more Deacons-- Accordingly------

Persons yt have ownd the Covenant 1737

Feb. 13 — Timothy Bryant and Susanna his wife then ownd ye Covt:

May 15 — Reuben Harton ownd ye Covt & was Baptised.

Feb. 26 — Wm. Green & Eliza his wife ownd ye Covt. & were Baptised.

Persons recd. to full Communion. 1737

March 6th — Wm. Johnson
Jona: Forster
Isaac Smith
Mehitebel Parker

20th — Edmund Bancroft

Apl. 3d — Richd. Temple
Joseph Boutell
Eliza Johnson
Eliza Bisco
Abigail Walton
Anna Smith

May 1 — Rebecca Barrett

29th — Eliza. Smith
Katherine Smith
Primus, negro man.

June 26th — Nathll. Bancroft

July 3d — Jonathan Boutell &
Eliza. his wife

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Persons recd. to full Communion 1737

Augt.	7th	Ruth Burnap
	21st	Jeremy Brown
		Anna his wife
		Nathll. Bachelier
		Mary Sweetser
Sept.	11th	John Woodward Junr.
		Lydia Mansfield
Octo..	9th	Mary Vinton
	16th	Mary Bryant
Dec.	11th	Joshua Bancroft
Jan.	29th	Eason Dix

1738

May 1 1738
At a Church Meeting Capt Kendal Parker & Capt. Tho. Nicolls were Chosen to ye Office of Deacon----- at ye Same Time Time Voted yt ye Suspension formerly Laid on Eben. Parker Junr. Should be Continued for ye Space of three Months longer, he not having Shewed that hearty repentence ye Chh woud gladly See in him.

May 21 1738
Joseph Dammon Junr. & Mary his wife were this Day at their request Dismist & recommended to ye Chh. of Christ in Uxbridge whereto yy had lately removed.

Augt. 6 1738
I Signfy'd to ye Church ye Urgent Desires of Sarah ye wife of Samll Evans to be Baptised in private, her bodily circumstances rendring her Uncapable of attending upon that Ordinance in publick, drawing, as was supposed near her End ; & at ye Same time Signifyd my intention of Administering ye Ordinance according to her Desire. Accordingly about an hour Aftr ye public Service, I in ye presence of a Considerable Number of ye Chh. Administered ye ordinance to her, She haveing in ye first place own'd ye Covt, in a few hours after wch she dyed.

Oct. 29 1738
Joseph Eaton was at his request, dismissed, & recommended to ye Chh. of Christ in Lyn End.

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Persons yt have owned ye Covenant 1738

Mar 19th	Rose a Negro servt. of Benja. Brown Ownd ye Covt & was Baptised.
June 11th	James Negro Servt. of Timo. Nicolls ownd ye Covt. & was baptised.
June 19th	Eben. Merrow ownd ye Covt & was Baptised.
Augt. 6th	Sarah ye wife of Samll. Evens ownd ye Covt. & was baptised.
Octo. 29th	Meriah Negro Servt. to Mrs Stow Ownd ye Covt & was baptised.

Persons received to full Communion. 1738

March 19	Samll. Nicols Sarah Pool
Apl. 2d	John Walton Junr.
May 7th	Jcthan Walton Eliza Green Junr.
May 21st	William Green & Eliza his wife
June 27th	Sarah Goodwin
July 23d	Eben. Merrow
Augt. 6th	Eunice Parker
Sept 3d	Eliza Nicolls
Octo. 8	Jacob Walton Susannah Green

1739

Augt. 27th
At a Chh. Meeting; Voted upon ye recomendation of ye Gen. Court to ye Dissenting Chhes Thro ye province; yt their be a General Contribution ye next Sabbath Sennight to Assist ye Revd Mr. Torrey pastor of a dissenting Chh. at Narraganset in Defraying ye Charges of an Action Brot. Agt. him by ye Revd. Dr: McSparren, a Minister of ye Chh. of ye England wch much affects ye interest of ye Dissenting Churches provided at ye Same time, yt Such money contributed be found Necessary, wch, if thro ye Contribution of other Chhes it be not. Tis then Voted yt it be applyed to ye fund for ye Propagat: of ye Gospel among ye Dissenters : The Use or Advantage of wch money to be Dispos'd of by ye Convention of Dissenting Ministers at Boston.

At ye Same Time Voted upon the request of ye Revd Mr. Osborn, pastor of a Chh. at Eastham, & some of ye Brethren of ye Chh. his Adherents, to Joyn wth a Number of Other Chhes, Called to Sit in Councill upon some Difficultys yt have Arisen there: yt In Consideration of ye Long absence of ye Pastor from them: & ye great number of Chhes Sent to, Many of whom will in all probality Meet in Councils, They Cannot See ye Necessity of going.

At ye Same Time Voted, yt ye Suspension under wch Mr. Eben. Parker Junr. has long laid on Acct. of ye Sin of Drunkenness be Continued two months longer.

Sept. 9th Agreable to ye Above sd Vote ye Congregation Contributed sixteen Pounds twelve shillings & ten pence wch I deliverd to Doctor Colman for wch I took his recipt .

Sept 30th
Benja. Wiley & wife at their request were dismissed from ye Chh. in order to their embodying wth a Number of Other Brethren in a Chh. Society in ye Western Part of Lynn.

October 14
At a Request of Wm. Taylor & others of ye Western Society at Lyn yt we wd joyn in councills with other Chhes in Embodying ym as a distinct Chh, Voted a Compliance with yr request Deacon Parker & Goodwin Sergt. Parker & Capt. Bancroft Messengrs.

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1739

November
At ye Covening of ye Councill the Incorporat of ye Chh. was concluded upon, but deferrd to ye Councill for ordinatn. Upon the request of Wm. Taylor & others yt ye Chh. wd Joyn with other Chhes in Incorporating a Chh in ye Western Part of Lyn, & Separating Mr. Edwd. Cheever to ye Pastorall Office in it----- Voted to send .

February 26th
At a Chh. Meeting Appointed to Consider Some Matters of Difference subsisting between Bror. Tho. Eaton & Bro. Eben. Merrow, & Some Articles of Charge Brot. by ye former Agt. ye Latter. The Chh. Voted ym Selves Dissatisfyd wth Bro. Merrow on ye Acct. of lying & Slander; Bro. Merrow acknowledged his offences or yt he had great reason to believe himself guilty; but ye Chh. not seeing those marks of hearty grief & sincere rep they desired yy Voted his suspension for six weeks, & left a wd. of Admonition wth him.

Persons yt have Ownd ye Covt 1739.

March	4th	Thos Richardson Ownd ye Covt: & was Baptised.
May	13	George Negro Servt of Mr Peter Emerson Own'd ye Covt: & was Baptised.

Persons recd to full Communion 1739.

Apl	15th	Sarah Bancroft
		Anna Nicolls
	29th	Susannah Burnap
May	20th	Chester -- Negro Servt
	27th	Lois Green
June	10th	Samuel Felch
		Jacob Smith
July	1st	James Abbott
Augt	5th	Hannah Damon
	20th	Hephzibah Brown
Sept	9th	Rebecca Temple
Octo	14th	Mary Walton Dismist from Newbury.
Feby	10th	Joseph Coggins &
		Mary his Wife.
		Abigail Prat from Woburn.
	24th	Samll Pool

1740

Apl 18th 1740.

At a Chh Meeting Appointed to consider farther of ye Affair of Bro Eben Merrow as above; The Time of his Suspension being expired: & he Solemnly protesting his forgetfullness of ye Crimes laid to his charge: the Chh herupon recd him to ye Charity, upon ye following Confessn:---- Wheras in ye long Controversy Subsisting between Bro Eaton & myself, I Believe, (upon ye Evidence of Others) I have been guilty of ye Sin of Lying, & Slander to ye Dishonour of Gd & his Pple, I am heartily sorry for it, I beg Pardon of God & his Chh: hoping my future Conduct & Conversation will be more agreable to ye Gospell of Christ.

Augt 3d 1740.

The Chh being Stayed Rebecca Boutell wife to John Boutell was at her her request Dismist to ye first Chh: in Woburn. At ye same time Sarah Emerson, wife to Mr Brown Emerson was recd: into full Communion wth us, upon ye Recommendation of Revd Caleb Cushing Pastor of ye 1st Chh: in Salisbury to wch she belong'd.

Ebenezer Phillips a Member of ye Anabaptist Chh in Boston, presenting a request to us yt he might Joyn wth us at ye Table of ye Lord: ye Chh Considerd his request & Unanimously Complyd with it.

Jany 7th 1740.

Upon a Complaint brot before me by Severall of ye Members of ye Chh in Stoneham: as also by Bro Thos Eaton; Agst Bro Nath Eaton a Member of ye Chh in wch Complaint Sd Nathll is Chargd with ye Sin of Lying---- I herupon Calld ye Chh together, who after Prayer to Gd: for Direction, and a long Debate upon ye Matters of Controversy at Length came into ye Following Votes---

First That it Appears to ye Chh yt Bro Thos & Nathll Eaton After Some Difference between ym Came to a Covt or agreement in wch also Matters of Difference were to be laid Aside: and a new Amity or friendship was to begin.
Secdly Yt it appears to ye Chh yt Bro Nathll has Denyd & persists in Denying yt Ever any Such Contrast or Agreement was made.
Secdly In relation to ye Matter of Complaint be brot by ye Stonham Brethren: it Appears to ye Chh yt Bro Nathll Eatons Conversat: has been Utterly Inconsistent wth ye Truth Sincerity & Undisguisd Behaviour of a Christian--
Herupon ye Meeting was adjournd to ye Tuesday preceeding ye Next Sacrement---- at One O'Clock --- Sabbath preceeding Sd Thuesday I for Special reason Adjournd ye meeting till

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Jany 7th 1740.

Friday--- On Friday ye Chh Met When Bro Nathll Eaton presented His Acknowledgmt to ye Chh Wch being read once & Again ye Chh Voted ym Selves Satisfyd.

Feby 11th 1740.

There having been Matters of a Scandalous Nature blazed about in relation to ye Conduct of Mr Joseph Underwood who was Reported to have been found Stealing Corn from Brother Noah Eaton: I herupon Calld ye Chh together to Enquire into ye Matter: and After prayer to Gd for Direction & Sufficient Debate upon ye premises I put ye Matter to Vote "Whether this Chh were Satisfyd or Dissatisfyd wth Bro Jos: Underwoods Conduct in relation to a Complaint brot agt him as bearing hard upon the Eigth Commt: ----- who Voted---- Dissatisfyed.

Persons yt have Ownd ye Covt 1740.

June	8th	Andrew Beard	Own'd ye Covt: & was Baptisd.

Persons recd to full Communion 1740.

March	16th	Jacob Barrett	
Apl	13th	Phebe Smith	
	20th	Mary Goodwin	by Dismissn fr Lyn End.
	27th	Edwd Dammon	
		John Nicolls	
May	25th	Edward Merrow	
June	29th	Richard Upham	
Augt	3d	Sarah Emerson	Dismist fr 1st Chh: in Salisbury.
Sept	7th	Martha Richardson	
	14th	Natha Appleton	
Nov	2	John Goodwin Tertius	
		Eunice Walton	
Dec	14th	John Sweyn	
Jany	4th	Eliza Upham	
	18th	Abigail Bryant	

1741

Persons Yt have Owned ye Covenant. 1741.

Octo	25th	London	Negro Servt to Capt Eaton Own'd ye Covt & was Baptised.
Novr	22nd	Titus	Negro Servt to Thos Green Own'd Covt & was Bapd.

Persons recd into full Communion 1741.

Apl	26th	Phoebe Wardwell
May	24th	Braviter Grey
		James Bryant
		Susannah Bryant
		Katharine Emerson
		Abigail Hay
June	21st	David Green
		Joseph Parker
		Hephzibah Bryant
Augt	9th	Sarah Gold
	16th	Peter Wait
		Phebe Nicolls
Sept	13th	Mahitabel Dammon
Octo	25	Ebenez Hopkinson
Novr	1	Pompey Negro Servt to Mrs David Green.
	6th	Mary Boutell dismist from Lyn End.
	8th	Amos Upham
		Dorcas Prat
	15th	Richd Nicolls &
		Mary his Wife.
		Jacob Bancroft
	22	Tabitha Cowdry
Decr	20th	Nehemiah Williams
Jany	17th	James Emerson
		Sarah Smith
	31	Eliza Parker

1742

March 2d 1742.

I caled a Chh together to Consider ye Affair of Mr Underwood with whom ye Chh had Voted ymselves Dissatisfyd; When Mr Underwood presented an humble Acknowledgement to ye Chh wth wch ye Chh declared yr Satisfaction & restored him to yr Charity.

1742

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April 9th 1742.

It being commonly reported yt Eben Merrow a Member of ye Chh. had been Convicted of Stealing before Thomas Hubbard Esq. & by him Committed to goal; I wrote to sd Hubbard for information in ye Affair, I having received an answer from I laid before ye Chh. who upon partic. examinat'n of ye affair Voted ym Selves dissatisfyd wth sd Merrow, & then suspended him from ye Communion till they Should See in him Conversation more becoming ye Gospell of xt.

May 2d 1742

Jonathan Nicolls Junr & wife having been Guilty of Fornication presented yr Acknowledgement & Confess'd to yé Chh of yr own free will, That they had Carnal Knoledge of One Another before Marriage, & having humbled ym Selves before Gd: & his People The Chh Voted to Accept yr Acknowledgement & so yr Charity to ym.

Sept 5th 1742

Nathll. Cowdry & Mehitabel his wife dismissed to ye Chh. at Sunderland---- Jabez Temple & Wife Dismist to ye Chh. at Wilmington as also ye Wife of Nathll. Townsend.

Sept. 19th 1742

Rebecca Walton Dismist to ye Chh. at South Hegen.

Octo. 17th 1742

Joseph Boutell Dismist to ye Chh. at Southhegen.

Persons yt have ow'nd the Covenant 1742

Sept. 12th Samll Evans apprehended to be drawing his end desird to by in Covt. wth Gd. Accordingly having given notice of it to ye Chh. I administered ye Covt. & bapt: & Seal of it to him.

Persons received to full Communion 1742

March 7th	James Wesson & Esther his wife
14th	Mary Farrow
15th	Moses Bancroft
21	Abigail Smith
May 9th	Hephzibah Nicolls
	George Negro Servt. to Mr. Emerson
23d	Abigail Nicolls
June 6th	Zachary Nicolls
	Mary Richardson
20th	David Bacheller
July 4	Rebecca Nicolls
	London, Ser. Capt. Eaton
	Titus, Servt. Tho. Green.
Augt. 22d	Jabez, Dammon
	Hephzibah Smith
Decr.	Abigail Evans

1743

May 8th

This Day Mary Pool formerly Leeman having obtained Letters of Dismissn from ye Chh. of York was recd at her request to our Watch & holy fellowship, as also Samll. Nicolls & Hannah his Wife from a Chh. of Christ In Willington.

June 5th

The Chh. being Stayed Braviter Gray was at his request dismist & recommended to ye Chh of X in Billerica.

Octo. 23d

The Chh. being Stayd I read to Chh. two Letters wch I had recd to be communicated ye one from a number of Aggrieved Breth:,at ye Chh. of Worcester ye other from a number of Aggrieved Breth: in ye Chh. at Newbury and ye Pastoral care of ye Revd. Tappan. Each Desirous Assistance in Councill wth other Chhes. under ye distressed circumstances. Ye counsells being Caled to Convene at ye Same Time. We were unable to Joyn in Both; & therefore Voted yt we wd send to Worcester where our assistance was first asked.

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1743

Decr: Jany 1st

Mr Ebene. Parker Senr. haveing Some time past been grossly guilty of ye Sin of Drunkenness: did very early, offer his repent: to ye Chh. wch had ye Appearance of great Sincerity: however, Esteeming ye fruits of Repr. ye best evidence of its Sincerity, we Deferr'd ye Acceptance of his Confessn: for a Considerable time; IN wch Time having behaved himself wth much humility and watchfulness was this day received him to our Charity again.

Persons yt ownd ye Covenant 1743

May 15th Hannah Evans own'd ye Covt. & was Baptised.

Persons recd to full Communion 1743

Jany 16th Abigail Hartshorn

Apl. 3d Peter Neg: Sevt. to Capt. Pool Lyn End.
May 15 Lydia Evans
July 17th Joseph Wait
Jeremiah Smith
Sepr.18th Mary Wiley
Octo 9th Susannah Dammon
23rd Joseph Upham &
Eliza his Wife
Priscilla Negro Servt. to Mrs. Gary
Jan, 4th Sarah Wife to Jona. Temple
Dismist from Wilmington.

1744

Apl. 8th 1744

The Chh. being Stayed Judith Boutell Wife to Mr. James Boutell was Dismist & recommended to ye Chh. at LeMinister
Signed Jno. Rogers Pastor

May 13th 1744

The Chh. being Stayed Ruth Burt was Dismist & recommended to ye Chh. at Mendam

Joseph Dorr Pastor

May 17th 1744

Zachary Nicols & Rebecca his Wife were then Dismist to ye Chh. of X in Sherbourne.

Revd. Mr. Tho. Porter Minister

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1744

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ye Month)

yt A Number of Breth: Belonging to ye First Chh. in Newbury Applying to us for Councill in Matters of Difference Subsisting between ye Pastor & ym Selves, I read ye Letters to ye Chh. who thot it advisable to send in Councill & Accordingly Voted Benj Brown Doctor Hay Brown Emerson to be ye Chhes Messengers in attendance on yr Pastor. The Councill having met at Time and Place the Revd. Mr. Toppan Pastor of ye Chh in Newbury under his own hand oblig'd himself to Joyn wth ye Aggrieved in Calling a Mutual Councill upon which ye Counc. desolv'd but Mr Tappan after Yes being unequal to his engagements ye Aggrie'd renewedly Made application to us to Joyn in Councill with other Chhs in regard of ye Premises; Matters being laid before ye Chh, yy Tho't it necessary to Comply wth ye Desire of ye Aggrived & accordingly Voted to Send & yt former Messengers go again wth ye Addition of Eben. Nicolls Junr.

Sept.

I then recd Letters from ye Pastor & Chh in Grafton representing yt a number of Breth: then were 1 had for a long time been Uneasy With yt Past: of Chh But now Desirous ye Matters & Agreed Openly of Diff: might be Accomodated yy had Agreed wth ye Chh to ask Councill Every of ye Chhes of Sd Councill being Acceptab: to Each party Accordingly I had ye Letters to ye Chh who Voted to Send in Councill & Yt Deacon Goodwin Deacon Bancroft be Messengers to wch Number I added a third person Capt Bancroft.

N. B. Every Person came in to receive Councill given. Glory to Gd peace on Earth.

Novr 25 1744.

James Dix & Wife together wth Kathn Hutchinson having been found guilty of ye Sin of Fornication yy then Sensible of yt Sin made Humble Confessn of it before ye Congregation of Gds pple & had ye Chhes Charity Voted to ym.

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Persons Recd to full Communion 1744.

May	20th	Joanna Prat
June	3d	Eliza Newell
Sepr	2d	Sarah Wessen
Octo	24	Joseph Swain
		Benja Forster
		Jeremiah Bancroft
		Haphzibah Nicolls
Decr	16	Saml1 Wessen Junr
		Sarah his Wife
Jany	20th	James Woodward

1745

May 1745.

Jacob Barett dismist to ye Secd Chh in Lancaster.

Sept 22 1745.

Signifyd to Chh yt I had recd Letters from 1st Chh in Salem (as yy Style ym Selves) wishing us to Joyn wth ym in ye Ordination Mr Dudley Leavitt to ye Pastorate Charge in ye room of Mr Saml1 Fiske dismist on Acct of Some Scandals he was Convicted of: ye Letters being read yy Voted to go by Capt Parker Capt Eaton & Capt Brown as yr Delegates.

Persons yt have Own'd the Covenant 1745.

March	17th	Meriah	Negro Servt to Deacon Parker Ownd ye Covt & was Baptisd wth her Children.

Persons Recd into full Communion 1745.

June	2d	Mary Hartshorn
	30th	Abigail Holden
		Margaret Farrow
Sepr	15th	Hannah Gold
Feby	2d	Abigail Smith

1746

Apr 30th 1746.

James Brown James Goodwin & Wife wth David Bancroft were then at there Desire Dismist & recommended to ye Chh of X in Worcester as also Katharine Conant to ye Chh in Hollis.

(Apl. be'g Omitted)

A Considerable Number of ye Breth of ye Chh in Framingahm Signifying their Uneasiness at ye Doctrines deliver'd by ye Pastor as bordering upon ye Arminian Scheme, desird our Assistance in Fellowship wth Some Other Chhes by Advising ym in yr present Difficultys: - but ye Circumstances of my Family not allowing me to go: ye Chh Voted in ye Negat.

May 18th 1746.

A Considerable Number of ye Town & Chh in Framingham having remonstrated agt ye Preaching of ye Pastor of Sd Town & Chhs Earnestly & repeatedly Desird ye Assistance of our Chh in Concurrence wth Other Chhes to Advise ym in yr present Difficultys. At ye same time a great Number of ye Chh of X in Hopkinton being Offended at ye Conduct of yt Pastor & a Number of yt Breth: Desird our presence in Councill wth other Chhes: Ye Letters relating to wch Difficultys I laid before ye Chh who thot it advisable to Send Help & Assistance & Accordingly Ebenz Nicolls Junr John Walton & Tho Burnap were Appointed Delegates.

Augt 1746.

A Number of ye Breth of ye 2d Chh in Bradford having Signifyd yr Uneasiness wth ye Pastor on acct of false Doct: deliver'd by him as also wth ye Chh on acct of Some Mal Administratn desird ye assist: of ye Chh to Joyn in Councill wth Other Chhes: wch being Signifyd to our Chhs they desird to grant yr request of ye Complainants as also yy refus'd to Assist a Number of Brethren in Dor Uneasy at ye Conduct of ye Pastor of Chh there---- Ye Main reason of Such refusals --- Our being so frequently Engag'd in ye Affairs of Other Chhes.

1746

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Augt 26 1746.

---Lecture Day---- The Chh being Stayed aftr Lecture proceeded to ye Choice of two Deacons to Supply ye places of Deacon Smith & Nicolls, Decd.-- When Mr Brown Emerson & Jna. Temple were Chosen by a Majority of Votes.

At ye Same Time, London, a Negro Man belonging to Bro: Tho. Eaton Confess'd ye Sin of Fornication & was Suspended till he Shd shew good Evidence of an Evangelical Humiliation. ----------

Octo 5th 1746.

Edwd Dammon & Eliza his Wife were then at their request dismist from their relation to ye Chh in Order to their Embodying into a Chh at Wareriver.

Novr 30th 1746.

Mr. Brown Emerson having Signifyd to me his Acceptn of ye Chhes call to ye Office of a Deacon I manifested my Concurrence wth ye Chh's Vote & I invited him to his proper place in Deacons Seat.

At ye Same Time Hannah Daggett was Dismist to Chh at Sutton & Jacob Smith to ye Chh in Hollis.

Decr 1746.

The Chh of Stoneham having Sent Letters Desiring Our Assistance at ye Ordination of Mr John Carney Whom they had chosen for their Pastor. I read the Letters to ye Chh Who readily Voted to gratify ye request & sent wth ye Pastor Mr Emerson Deacon Goodwin Capt Bryant & Deacon Parker.

At ye Same Time I had Letters from ye Chh of Woburn Intreating us to Compassionate their Melencholly circumstances by Assisting in Councill wch yy had calld to sit & judge upon them, ye Chh Voted Assistance & Accordingly sent wth their Pastor Capt Bancroft & Capt Brown.

1747

July ye Secd 1747.
Ye Secd Chh in Malden having desird our presence & Assistance in ye Installation of ye Revd Mr Cleveland I read ye Letters to ye Chh who seem'd dispos'd to go till I Informed ym yt I had no Acquaintance wth ye Gentn to be Installd & therefore Dar'd not in Conscience to assist on wch we proceeded no farther.

Augt 1747.
The Third Chh in Lynn having desird Our presence & Assistance in some Difficult Matters relating Chiefly to ye Pastor of Sd Chh who had been Chargd with Very Indecent Carriage towards his maid, Mary Burrill, ye Chh Voted Assistance, & wth their Pastor sent Deacon Parker & Deacon Bancroft.

May 1747.
it shd have been Inserted above yt ye Chh of Dorchester having a Number who had separated from its Communion did wth their Separating Brothers desird ye Assistance of this Chh to sit in Councill wth Others & Advise them in their Difficoltys: ye Chh accordingly Voted to Send, upon wch Deacon Bancroft was Nominated & Voted to go wth ye Pastor.

Octo 1747.
Lydia Nicolls was rec'd into ye Watch of this Chh by a recommendation from ----------.

At ye Same Time I read two Chh Letters Sent from Billerica desiring Our Assistance in ye Ordinatn of Mr John Chandler wth wch ye Chh Comply'd & Chose Capt Bancroft Deacon Emerson & Mr Samll Pool.

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Janey 1747.
Jonas Eaton having Entred a Complaint agst Wm Bryant Junr wth respect to Some Slanderous & Vilifying Expressions Used by Sd Bryant I Appointed a Chh Meeting for ye Consideration of this Affair.-- Ye Chh having Met at Time Appointed ye Defendt. pleaded yt Sd Eaton had not taken ye private Steps prescribed by Our Savr. & therefore yt ye Matter was not Under ye Cognizance of ye Chh this being debated it Appeard yt however Mr Eatons Behaviour was Agreeable to ye Letter, Yet it was by no means to ye Charitable design & end of ye Gospell wch: is to reclaim an offender & therefore Voted yt Mr. Eatons conduct be look'd upon by ye Chh. as defective in ye Essentials of it, or wch; it was flung out & recomended to end yt ye matter privately accommodated.

At ye Same time it was Motion'd to ye Chh, yt Inasmuch as John Dammon a Member of ye Chh. had fallen into ye Depths of Enthusiasm thro wch he had Vented ye Most Uncharitable express'n not only agst ye Pastor of ye Chh. itself ' nor only ye Chh. but Indeed ye whole Chh. of X, as being Antichristian, & had withdrawn from sd preached word & ye Public ordinances; yt therefore something be done in Charity to ye Offender in order to reclaim him-- hereupon Voted yt Deacon Parker Deacon Bancroft Deacon Emerson & Deacon Temple wth Capt Brown & Capt Nicolls be a Committee of Enquiry into ye Conduct of Brother Dammon & ye reasons of it & make report to ye Pastor of ye Chh.

At ye Same Time it was Motionn'd to ye Chh. yt inasmuch as Brother Eben. Parker Junr. having been guilty of ye Sin of Drunkenness had been long suspended ye Commun of ye Chh. & no fruits of repent. Appearing nor he manifesting a desire to return to ye fellowship of ye Chh. it be Consider'd wt was proper to be done. Hereupon Voted yt two of ye Deacons wth Mr. Tho. Burnap John Sweyn Benj. Sweyn be a Committee to inform Bro. Parker yt unless a reformation Appears in him the Chh. will proceed to Excommunicatn in ye Space of three months.in ye meanwhile sd Comittee are desird particularly to watch over him .

Persons received into full Communion 1747

Sepr.	20th	Mr. Nathll. Emans
Octo.	11th	Lydia Nicols by dismissn from Stoneham.
Jany	3d	Eliza Prat.
		Tho. Parker

1748

Apl. 10 1748

The Second Chh. in Ipswich being offended at ye Conduct of ye first & having to no purpose endeavour'd to Compromise & heal matters yy proceeded to administer Letters of Admonition wch not answering ye Designed End, they proceeded to Send Letters to other Chhes, and particularly to ye 1st Chh. in Reading, desiring them to back or Second ye Admonition; Accordingly I laid ye Matter before ye Chh. who considering ye Importance of ye Case, desird ye Matter Might be deferr'd till ye next Lds Day-- When ye Consideration of ye Matter being resum'd ye Chh. not seeing sufficient reason to grant ye prayer of ye petition Voted in ye Negative.

At ye Same Time laid before ye Chh. a Letter from ye Chh. in Tivertown, who had lately received ye Gospell built a House for Public Worshipp & settled a Pastor, but being in their infancy were weak & therefore desird Assistance in order to defray their Charges: ye Chh. taking ye Matter into Considerat Voted to grant yt Desire of ye Petitioners, Accordingly a Contribution was Appointed to be on ye Next Thursday Sennight, it being Fast Day.

Augt. 28th

Ld. Day Eve. Stayed ye Chh. & read a Letter from Willm. Baldwin who wth other members of ye Chh. of Christ in Narragansett No: 2 were highly offended wth their Pastor, Mr. Elisha Marsh & Chh. on Various Accounts & therefore Desird our Advice in Councill wth many other Chhes Call'd to sit in New Town--- the Chh. having heard ye Letters Voted to gratify ye Prayers of ye Petition & Accordingly appointed Lieut Parker & Capt. Bancroft as their Delegates.

Sept. 18th

Lds. Day eve ye Common Service of ye Sabb. being over I Communicated to ye Chh. Letters Sent from ye Chh. in Chelsea desiring our Assistance in ye Installment of Mr. McClanathan wm they had called to ye Pastoral Office in sd Chh. The Chh. Voted to go by their Delegates Deacon Emerson Capt. Eaton Capt. Nicolls wth their Pastor.

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N. B.
The Councill met at time Appointed, but much being objected agst moral character of Mr. McClanhathan ye Councill Declined ye Installn & for present adjourn'd to 3d :Wednesday Decr. next, in meantime taking Necessary & Prudent Measures to find out ye true Character of ye Gentn Elected.

1748

Persons received into full Communion

May	1st	Priscilla Smith
Octo	6	Jacob Upham
		Rebeccah Upham

1749

March 1749

--Lecture Day-- After ye Services of ye Day I Stayed ye Chh. Laid before ym ye Case of John Dammon & Wife who notwithstanding all Endeavours to restrain ym yt continued in ye Enthusiasticall Notions & uncharitible & Cencorious frames giving out at ye Chh. & all other Chhes in ye Land were but baals chhes. & ye Ministers, But ye Dragons Angels wth Many other expressions of ye like nature; after much debate upon ye Case ye Chh. proceeded to vote yt yr Conduct in yse things, as also in refusing to attend ye Chh. Meeting of wch they had been duly notified, was censurable as contrary to ye Word of Gd: & ye Bonds of ye Chh. Covenant & therefore they were forbidden ye Tble. of ye Ld. for ye Present. Yet inasmuch as a Controversy Arose founded on ye Questn whether Mr. Dammon & Wife were not put out of ye posspn of yr own mind & Much being offerd to prove yt yy were at least under a Dementia quoadhocye ye Chh. thot it not proper immediately at least to cencure ye persons but Voted to spend Some time in prayer on yr acct. desiring also yt ye Revd. Mr. Clark of Salem Village, Mr. Putnam of No. Precinct & Mr. Emerson of Malden might be intreated to Assist in said solemnity-- ye time for sd Solemnity to be left wth ye Pastor. Hereupon Voted yt two of ye Deacons Capt. Nichols be a Committee to inform Sd. Dammon & Wife of ye Transactions of ye Chh. & withal give ym to know yt ye Chh. Expect yr Attendance at ye Time of Prayer,-- After wch ye Meeting was Adjourned for two months for further consideration.

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1749

May 12th 1749.
Being Lecture Day I Stayed ye Chh after Devine Service; & further represented to ym ye Case of Mr John Dammon & Wife who still Continued in yr former Offences, & refus'd to attend ye Chh: on ye Day of Prayer tho Set Apart on their Parties Account of wch they were Duly Notify'd; & Who also refus'd to give Account of their Conduct, at this Meeting where they were required to give their Attendance: the Chh herupon, taking ye matter into serious Consideration Voted yt Bro John Dammon & wife obstinatly persisting in their UnCharitable Language, Disorderly Behaviour, be therfore Suspended ye Communion of ye Chh, till they shall give Suitable Satisfaction. At Ye Same Time Voted yt an Admonition be dispensed to John Dammon & Wife & yt Deacon Temple Capt Eaton Capt Bancroft & Bro Ephm Wesson & Joseph Parker accompany ye Pastor in Dispensing Sd Admonition.

At ye Same Time ye Case of Eben Parker Junr who had long liv'd in ye Sin of Drunkeness, & had been Suspended therefore was taken into Consideration at wch Time Sd Parker Offering a Confession of his Sin and Pretending to be humbled therfore, the Chh so far accepted his Acknowledgmt as to Vote a reprieve from ye Sentence of Excommunication wch yy had formerly Voted to pass wth out Repentance & reformation: Sd reprieve to continue for ye Space of one Month & no longer Except there were Apparent Tokens of repent & Amendmt: In ye mean they who had ye former Special Watch Over him together wth Mr Josiah & Jotham Walton were desird to Continue it.

Sept 28th 1749. Lecture Day.
Some Considerable Time having passed ye Chh met agn to Consider ye Case of Eben Parker but he not being present tho warnd ye Chh Voted to protract yr Lenity towards him till ye Next Lecture Day: when yy purpos'd to take his Affairs to Consideratn & proceed agt him without reformatn, Whether present or Absent.

Octo 27th 1749.
Being Lecture Day The Chh being Met by Adjournment I movd to ye Chh Case of Eben Parker who after Some Debates Upon ye propriety or Impropriety of Immediately Considering Sd Case at Length Voted to adjourn to Thursday Seven Night foll owing Sd Parker being absent & Yt Deacon Bancroft Deacon Temple Capt Brown Deacon Emerson & Bro Ephm Wesson be a Committee of ye Chh to Visit Sd Parker & Solemnly to Urge upon him ye Necessity of Paying Due regards to ye Authority of ye Chh.

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1749

Novr 10th 1749.
The Chh being Met took into Consideratn ye Case of Eben Parker & Nothing of Importance being Offerd by him in his Vindicatn Voted 1st yt they would extend their Lenity to him no farther. 2d That -- Conduct of Eben Parker by reason of habitual Drunkeness aggravated by Many & Awfull Consideratn Partic. by his Continuance in it for a long Course Time & In Contradictn to many Solemn promises & engagements is Such as yt we apprehend him unworthy of being a Member of Christ Visible Church & yt therfore he be cut off from it. Accordingly a few Sabbs following he was Excommunicated in face of ye Congregatn.

Persons recd into full Communion 1749.

		Zerviah Upham	Dismist from Windham
		Jona Pierson	Dismist from Lyn End
Jany	14th	Lydia Gold	
Feby	11	Mary Wife of Mos Bancroft	
	25	Saml1 Smith	

1750

March 11 1750

Jacob Bancroft & Wife having been guilty of ye Sin of Fornicatn acknowledged ye Sin, were received to Charity respectively, & had ye child Baptized.

April

I communicated to ye Chh. Letters from a Chh. in Eastham Inviting our presence & Assistance of ye Revd. Mr. Edwd. Cheever in ye Pastoral Office there, but ye Chh. Considering ye great Distance & yt their Assistance was not of absolute Necessity, Declin'd going

May 27

Having recd Letters from ye Chh. of Chr: in Northhampton Signifying ye Great Difficulty they Labord of in respect of Difft. Sentiments relating to ye right to ye Holy Suppers, & intresting Our Assistance in removing yr Difficulty; I Com'ted ye Letters to ye Chh. who esteeming ye Matter of great importance Voted to send.

N. B. Saml. Bancroft Junr. Chosen Delegate.

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1750

July 22d

The Chh. being Stayed after ye Service of ye Sabb. I Communicated to them Letters from ye Third Chh. in Lynn Desiring Our Assistance in ye Ordination of Mr. Joseph Roby to ye Pastoral Office in Sd. Chh; The Chh. having Voted yr Readiness to Assist; Deacon Bancroft, Capt. Brown Capt. Sweyn, Capt. Nicolls & Mister Saml1. Pool Were Appointed Delegates to Accompany ye Pastor.

Octo.

Mr. Joseph Sweyn was Dismist & recommended to ye Chh. of Christ in Wenham-- At ye Same Time I Communicated Letters from ye Chh. Afore sd desiring Our Assistance in Seperating Mr. Sweyn to ye Pastoral Office there- ye Chh. Voted to Send Deacon Emerson, Capt Brown, Capt. Sweyn, Benj. Sweyn & Mr. John Walton Junr. Voted Delegates, & also Mr. Saml. Pool.

Near ye Same Time I Communicated to ye Chh. a Letter from ye Revd. Mr. Cleveland Pastor of ye South Chh. in Malden Desiring our Assistance in Councill about ye Expediency of his removal to Hallifax in Chebucto to Wch: place he was Earnestly Invited. The Chh. having heard his Letters Voted to Send.

N. B. Capt. Brown & Capt. Nicolls Voted Delegates.

Novr.

James Abbott & Sarah his Wife wer at their request dismist & recommended to ye Chh. of X. at Pennicook.

Decr. 9th

Jacob Parker & Abigail his Wife Children of ye Chh. tho not members in full Communion, being Convicted in their Consciences of their breaking ye Seventh Com't offered their acknowledgement & were ag'n recd into Charity according to their former standing.

Persons Received into full Communion 1750

Novr. 18th — Rebecca Pool
James an Adult Negro.

Decr. 28th — Jacob Parker
Abigl his Wife
John Vinton
Josiah Walton Dismist from Lynn End.

1751

May

Having received Letters from a Number of ye Brethn. of ye Chh. of Northampton adhering to ye Late Pastor ye Revd. Mr. Edwards Signifying yr Desires yt we wd incorporate ym & Install yr Late Pastor over ym if we saw meet, or otherwise give Such advice as yr circumstances Called for; having also recd Letters from ye Revd. Mr. Edwards, desiring yt he might have an opportunity to lay his Case before a Councill, & have ye advice; I read ye Letters to ye Chh. who Voted to Send according to ye Desires of ye Petitioners.

N. B. Capt. Brown & Saml. Bancroft Junr. Delegates.

June

Having rec'd Letters from a Number of ye Brethn. of ye West Chh. in Sudbury Signifying yr uneasiness wth yr Pastor refusing ym a Chh. Meeting tho often requested as also to Joyn in Councill under yr difficulties & hereupon desiring our Assistance & Councill. I read ye Letters to ye Chh. as also a Complaint of ye Grievance of ye Brethn. Carryed in to ye Pastor of Sd. Chh,- Upon wch ye Chh. Voted to Send.

N. B. Deacon Emerson & John Temple Delegates.

July

Communicated to Chh. Letters recd from ye Chh. at Linebrook desiring us to Joyn in Councill to advise ym in yr Conduct towards two Brethn. who had spoken to ye disadvantage of Moral Character of ye Pastor. The Chh. thinking ye Chh. at Linebrook had Sufficient Power to deal wth yr offending Brethn. refused to Joyn.

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1751

Sepr.

I Communicated to ye Secd. Chh. Letters wch. I recd from a number of Brethn: belonging to ye Secd. Chh. in Sutton desiring ye Presence of this Chh. wth others to advise ym under long & pressing difficultys. Ye Chh. after Some Debate, Esteemed it their duty to Send. Accordingly Deacon Bancroft Capt Eaton & Capt. Brown & Capt. Nicolls were Voted Delegates or Any two of them.

Jany 26th

Samll. Nicolls & Wife Dismist & Recomded to a Chh. of Christ in Lebanon under Care of Mr. Jotn. Williams Past.

Persons received into full Communion 1751

Decr.		Joshua Nicolls
	15	John Sparhawk
Jan	12	Mary Wife to Eb. Smith

1752

March 22d

Nathn. Bacheller Junr. offered his Confession of ye Sin of Fornication his Wife having been delivered of a Child in abt. five Months after Marriage, which being read he was recd to Charity.

May

Stayed ye Chh. on ye Lds Day & Communicated to ym Letters from a Number of Aggriev'd Brethn. belonging to ye 2d Chh. in Sutton earnestly intreating ye Presence & Assist. of ye Chh. in Connect'n wth other Chhes Call'd to sit in Councill on ye 3d Tuesday of May instant-- Accordingly ye Chh. very generaly Voted to Send-

N. B. Deacon Bancroft & Capt Brown Delegates.

Apl.

William Bryant Junr. having brot an Accusatn agt his Bro. Noah Eaton for false & Injurious Speaking of & Wilfull Lying as also for hard oppressive Dealing: I Called ye Chh. together who after long hearing & Debate Voted ym Selves dissatisfied wth ye Conduct of Bro. Eaton & on Numbered Points Articled Agt. him, & here upon suspended him till he Shd make Proper Satisfaction.

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1752

Novr. 26

After Public Service of ye Sabb. I read to ye Chh. Letters to ym Signed Nathan Town & Eunice his Wife Signifying yt it had pleased God to Contend wth ym by fire by wch all yr Substance & Possessions were Consumed & therefore Desiring ye Charity of ye Chh. & Congregation in this place to wch she formerly belonged- Whereupon ye Chh. after a few moments Debate unanimously Voted a Contributn. She was ye Daughter of Mrss Wm. Green

Persons received into full Communion 1752

Mary Wife of Nath. Wiley
Dismist from Andover.

July 19

Hephziba Wife to Joshua Nicolls
Dismist 2d Chh. Reading.

Aug 9th Susannah Hartshorn
Lydia Sweyn

Sepr. 17 Jona. Parker
Ruth his Wife

Octo. 8th Bethiah Boutell
15th Ruth Temple

Novr, 19th Lydia Boutell

1753

March

Mr. James Parker & Wife were at ye Request Dismist from us & recommended to ye Chh. at South Boro Where they had removed.

Apl. 12th

Having appointed a Chh. Meeting Some time before for ye Choice of a Deacon, ye Chh. accordingly met on ye Day when Capt. Benj. Brown was Chosen to that Office, at ye First Vote.

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1753

Apl. 12th

At ye Same time were Dismist Mrs. Abigail Hay, now ye Wife of ye Revd. Mr. Joseph Emerson as also Mary Richardson, now Farley, & recommended to ye Chh. in Groton, under ye Watch of Mr. Emerson aforsd.

At ye Same Time Also Noah Eaton having acknowledged ye Faults for wch he had been some Time past Suspended, & Asking forgiveness, was restored to Charity.

Augt. 24

Being Lecture Day I Communicated to ye Chh. ye Case of Primus Negro Servt. to Mr. David Green Junr, who had for a long Time Absented himself from ye Communion of ye Chh, but he tho warnd, not appearing ye Chh. Adjournd ye Consideratn of ye Case till ye Next Chh. Meeting.

Sept. 9

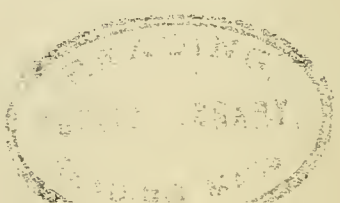
Service of ye Sabb; being over Eliza. Fowler was recd into ye Fellowship of ye Chh. having been Dismist & recommended for ye Chh. in Woburn .

Octo 19

Being Lecture Day, ye Chh. met by adjournmt to Consider ye Case of Primus Negro Servt. to Mr. David Green Junr. Sd. Primus having offered ye reasons for Absenting himself from ye Worship & ordinances of X. ye Chh. Voted ym Selves unsatisfied wth his reasons, & Suspended him from Chh. Fellowship till he Shd manifest his Repent.

Persons received into full Communion 1753

Feby 18th	Mary Wife Timo: Smith
Mar. 18th	James Wiley
	Hannah Wife to Benja Brown Junr.
March 25	Meriah Neg. Servt. to Deacon Parker
Apl. 1	John Prat
8	James Bancroft
	Phebe Emerson
22	Eliza. Wait
May 13	Lydia Williams
Augt. 19	John Mead
Sept. 9	Eliza Forster Dismist 2d Chh. in Woburn
Dec. 2	Lydia Hawks Lyn End
Feb. 3	Joseph Gold Dan.



1754

March 3

John Townsend Junr. was then at his request Dismist to ye Chh. at Wilmington.

Junr 2

Kendal Bryant was then as his request Dismist & recommended to ye Chh. of Christ in Concord.

June 23d

Having a fortnight past Communicated Letters from a Number of Aggrieved Members of ye West Chh. in Sudbury desiring our Help & Advice in Concurrence wth Other Chhes ye Chh. who then Adjourned yt they might be better prepared for action resumd ye Consideratn of this Matter & Generally Voted to Send ye Desird Help:

N. B. Deacon Brown Delegate.

Decr. 22

One Labarry who was taken Captive by ye Indians last Augt. & Carryed to Canada, having earnestly requested Help of us in order to his redemption I proposed ye Matter to ye Chh. & Congregation who Voted a Contribution ye Next Lords Day.

Decr. 29th

This Vote was reversd ys Day on Some Jealousy & Surmises whether Labarra wd ever Obtain ye Money.

Feby. 9th

Wife of Kendal Bryant Junr. Dismist & recommended to ye Chh. of Concord.

Persons received into full Communion 1754

March 17	Joseph Gold Son Abm.
June 23	Mr. Willm. Gold
Augt. 11	Eliza. Larrabee
Sepr. 15	Eunice Eaton Lyn End
Feb. 23	Hannah Bancroft

1755

June 29

After ye Service was Ended I Com'ted to ye Chh Letters Sent from ye Revd. Mr. Carnes desiring us to Join in Councill wth other Chhes, In order to a regular Dismission from his Pastoral Relatn if it Shd be Judged Expedient, Accordingly ye Chh. Voted to Send Deacon Brown being nominated was accepted.

N. B. ye Councill met at Time & Place & wrote a Letter to ye Chh; but ys being treated wth neglect; upon adjournment Voted Mr. Carnes might lawfully withdraw fr his Chh., yet advised him to patience forbearance for some Time.

Novr. 2d

I Communicated Letters fr Chh. at Lynn End Desiring Our Assistance in ye Ordinatn of Mr. Benjn Adams to ye Pastoral Office there. Ye Chh. Accordingly Voted Compliance & wth yr Pastor sent Deacons Bancroft Brown & Emerson & Capt. Sweyn.

Decr. 14

Maverick Smith & Wife having been guilty of Fornicatn before Marriage Confessed ye Sin humbled ym Selves & were recd to former Charity.

At ye Same Time I laid before ye Chh. & Congregation ye Distressed Circumstances of ye Family of Benjn Dammon a Native of ye Town & for many years an Inhabit of it who requested Our Charity; hereupon ye Chh. readily Voted a Contribution for him on ye Next Lds Day.

Persons received into full Communion 1755

June	29	Mary Wesson
Augt	24	Mary Harvey
Novr.	16	Widow Esther Coy
		Sarah Townsend
Decr.	21	Abigail Forster
		Anna Prat

1756

Jany

After Devine Service read Letters Sent from Woburn desiring Assistance in ye Ordinatn of Mr. Josiah Sherman to ye Pastoral Care of ye 1st Chh of X there. Voted Affirm. Delegates Deacons Bancroft & Brown Sgt Nicolls & Capt Eaton.

Apl.

Laid before ye Chh. ye Desire of Jona. Smith for a Charitable Contribution on acct: yt his house had been Consumed by fire, with whose Desire ye Chh. Unanimously Concurr'd.

June

Jona. Brown having been guilty of ye Breach of ye Seventh Comt made Confessn of his Sin & was restored to former Charity.

Meriah Negro Servt. to Deacon Parker Dec'd Dismist & recommended to ye Chh. in Salem under ye Care of Revd Tho. Barnard.

Augt. 29

Jona. Bancroft & his Wife having been guilty of ye Breach of ye Seventh Comt. made Confessn of yr Sin & were restord to former Charity.

Persons received into full Communion 1756

Jany	11th	Lucy Dammon
Apr.	25	Ephm. Parker
		Jacob Townsend
		Sarah Bryant
		Mary Parker
		Hepszibah Wife of Wm. Melendy
		Tabitha Wife James Hartshorn
Augt.	15	Martha Wife Maveric Smith
	29	Mary Richardson
Octo	17	Eliza Eaton

1757

June 17

Being Lecture Day, I Stayed ye Chh. after Religious Service to read a paragraph in ye Will of Deaon Parker Deceased in wch he bequathed a Legacy to ye Chh. to be Put into ye hands of ye Deacons & two other members to be Chosen by ye Chh: Accordingly ye Chh proceeded to ye Choice of ye Brethn who were Capt John Goodwin & Lt Samll Bancroft.

19th

Ye Service of ye Sabb. being ended, I stayed ye Chh & Intimated to ym yt ye Favors of Gd upon Lands being Many & gt especially in respect to ye long Drought wth wch we have been visited & wherby ye Increase of Land is gtly threatened I tho't it highly proper yt a Day of Fasting shd be kept, to humble Our Souls before Gd & earnestly seeke his Favours ye Chh concurring wth me in ye tho't, agreed yt next Thursday be kept as a Day of Solemn Fasting & Humiliation.

Novr 23

Mr Joshua Parker was at his request Dismist & recommended to ye Chh of Christ in Canterbury under ye Pastoral Care of ye Revd Mr Coggeshall.

Ebenr Wesson was at his request Dismist & recommended to ye Chh of Christ in Souhegin West under ye Pastoral Care of ye Revd Dan'll Wilkins.

1758

Ap 29th

Wm Pool & Wife having long lain under ye guilt of Sin of Fornicatn were at Length Convicted in their own Consciences, made humble confessn of yr sin & Were restor'd to Charity.

May 28th

Joseph Gold was then at his request dismised & recmmended to ye Chh at Souhegin.

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1758

Novr. 2d

The Chh. being Call'd to Meet together on this Day to Make Choice of a Deacon to Supply ye Place of Good Deacon Bancroft whom God hath Taken to himself-- Made Choice of Mr. Samll. Bancroft Junr. Nephew to ye Deceas'd.

Decr.

I Signifyed my concurrence wth ye Vote of ye Chh & Mr. Bancroft having accepted his call, Entred into his Office & Seat.

Decr. 31

Read to ye Chh. Letters recd. from ye Chh. of Christ in Middleton, Desiring Our Assistance in ye Ordination of Mr. Elias Smith Chosen to ye Pastoral Office in Sd. Chh. Voted in ye Affirmative.

N. B. Deacon Brown, Ebenz. Nicolls Ebenz. Smith. & Isaac Smith Junr., Delegates.

Jany 14

Read Letters from ye Chh in Stoneham desiring Assistance in ye Installment of ye Revd. Mr. John Searle over ye Chh. there. Voted affirm.

N. B. Deacon Emerson, Deacon Bancroft, Capt. John Sweyn & Wm. Bryant Delegates.

Persons received into full Communion 1758

Apl.	23	Sarah Dammon
May	21	Hannah Wife to Wm. Pool
	28	Rebecca Parker
July	2d	Sarah Wife to Caleb Bancroft.
	16	Eunice Boutell
	30	Joseph Bancroft & Elliza his Wife.
Decr.	31	Martha Melandy.

1759

Persons recd into full Communion 1759.

July 22 Eliza Wife Samll Pool
Augt 5 Eliza Wiley Dismist from ye 1st Chh in Malden

1760

Ap 1760.

Wm Bryant & Wife dismissed to ye Chh in Sudbury ye Pastoral Care of Revd Mr Cook.

Augt 1760

Wm Johnson & Wife Dismissed to ye Westerly Chh in Lynn.

1761

May 17 1761.

Read to ye Chh Letters from ye 2d Chh in ye Town Inviting our Help at ye Ordinatn of Mr Stone to ye Pastoral Office. Voted Affermative.

Deacons Brown & Emerson Coll Nickols Capt Goodwin & Jona Eaton Delegates.

Octo 1761.

Samll Bancroft having been one of ye 2 Trustees Voted to take Care of ye Legacy left ye Chh by Deacon Parker; & he being afterwards chosen Deacon Colln Nicolls was voted to Supply his Place.

Novr 22 1761.

Rebecca ye Widow of John Dammon Decd having made Acknowledgment of ye Sin for wch she wth her Husband had been long Suspended, was herupon recd into ye Charity of ye Chh.

Novr 29 1761.

Stayed Chh & Congrgatn After Service & Mentioned ye Applicatn of Mr Melandeys Family for a Contribution, in Consideratn of yr Needy Circumstances; ye Chh falling in herwith, agreed yt ye Next Thursday being Thanksgiving Day, shoud be a Day therfor.

Persons recd into full Communion 1761.

March		Sarah Bancroft
June	21	Jacob Emerson
July	12	Margaret Negro
	19	Martha Willson
Augt	2	Joseph Brown
Sept	13	Eben Gold
Octo	11	James Bancroft
Nov	1	Sarah Nicolls
	15	Caleb Bancroft
		Eliza Emerson Wife James

1762

Sepr 1762.

Stayed ye Chh after Divine Service & read ye Letters Missive from Marblehead Desiring our presence & Assistance at ye Ordinatn of Mr Whitwell a Colleague Pastor wth ye Revd Mr Barnard; but being strangers to ye Gentn his Experiences & Principles Voted not to Send.

Persons recd into full Communion 1762.

May	1	Peter Emerson
		Margaret Walton
July	4	Mary Emerson
Augt	22	Lois Wife to James Eaton.
Sept	19	Timo Prat Junr
		Tabitha his wife.
Oct	17	Hannah Simons
Nov	28	Abigail Hartshorn
		Hephzibah Parker
		Anne Merrow

1763

Sepr 1763.

Read ye Letters Missive from ye Third Chh in Salem desiring our Assistance: at ye Ordinatn of Mr Hurlington, to ye Work of ye Ministry; but being Unacquainted wth ye Gentn & his Principles, Morals & Experiences; Voted not to Send. However afterwards to Send yt we Might know ym.

Persons recd into full Communion 1763.

March	20	Abigl Nicolls
		Hannah Emerson
		Martha Emerson
		Mary Nicolls
May	1	Bethiah Wife Jno Nicolls
		Mehitabel Nicolls
	22	Eliz Wife Wm Green Junr
		Hannah Wife Jn Temple Junr.
Aug	28	John Rogers

1764

Apr 12 1764.

Ye Chh Voted on Fast Day a Contribution for Tho Hartshorn of Grotton; by ye Dispensation of Provid: ye Next Sabb:

July 15 1764.

Then John Boutell Junr & Wife Made humble Confession of ye Sin of Fornication & were recd to Charity.

Persons recd into full Communion 1764.

		Hannah Parker
		Mehitabel Nicolls
Octo	14th	Eliza Eaton
		Ruth Boutell

1765

The Revnd Mr Hobby died in the Year of Christ 1765 on ye 18th of June Aged 58.

July 18 1765.

At a meeting of ye first Church of Christ in Reading on ye 18th Day of July 1765, after Seeking to God By Prayer the
1 Church Voted that De Benjamin Brown Should be moderator for this meeting.

2 That De Brown Emerson Should be ye Church's Clerk During the Church's Pleasure.

3 De Jonathan Temple De Samuel Bancroft & Ebenz Nichols Esqr weare Chosen a Comtt to goe to Mr Hobbys and feeth the Church Books of Record: which Books ware Brought to the Church: and the Church Covenant was Read to the Church.

Note The Church Voted to Keep the 15 Day of August next Insuing as a Day of fasting and Prayer.

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July 18 1765.

The Church Platform was Read to ye Church at said Meeting and Left to be Considred afterwards.

September 2 1765.

At a meeting of ye first Church of Christ in Reading on ye 2d Day of September 1765, after Looking up to God by Prayer.
De Benjamin Brown was Chosen Moderator for this Meeting.
It was moved to the Church whether the Church wold Receve Members while we are Destitute of a Pastor and it Past in ye Affermative by a General Vote. Then it was,

Voted that the Deacons Should be a Committee to Examen Persons that Should offer themselves to the Communion of ye Church and Receve the Satisfaction that they Shall Give and propound them to the Church: and that the Persons that Shall Give Satisfaction to the Committee: Shall have the Covenant Given to them by Some ordained Minister: and they Shall Give in their Relations to Sd Committee.

It was then proposed whether the Church would Chouse a Commtte to Draw up a Confession of faith by the help and assestance of an ordained minister or Ministers and it past in ye affermative.

Voted that Ebenz Nichols Esqr De Bancroft and Lt John Temple be a Comtte for that purpos.

Voted that the Revd Mr Clark and ye Revd Mr Stone be ye Ministers to Asest ye Committee in Drawing up a Confession of faith for ye Church.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to this Day four weaks at two of ye Clock in ye afternoon.

At the adjournment above sd the Committee above said having by the help of ye Revd Mr Peter Clark of Danvers Drawn Up a Confession of faith Did Present it to the Church for thare acceptance and it was Read to them and accepted of them by a Unanamos Vote.

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September 2 1765.

Voted to accept of ye Platform for a General Rule of Church Dissapline so Farr as it is agreable to the word of God.
Voted to abid by the Church Covenant.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

1 We do seriously & solemnly profess to believe in one eternal almighty God the Father Son & holy Ghost, who created the World by his Power, & governs it by his Providence, & is the Redeemer of the fallen World by his Son Jesus Christ.

2 We believe the holy Scriptures of the old & new Testament to be the Word of God, & adhere to Them as the only Rule of Faith & Practice, directing Us in all Matters of divine Worship, & in Church-Administrations, as well as in an holy Life & Conversation 2 Tim: 3: 16, 17.

3 We believe, that our first Parents fell from that Estate of Integrity Honour & Happiness in which God at first created Them, & that all Mankind fell in Them by their Transgression in eating the Forbidden Fruit; & that thereby They involved themselves & their Posterity in a State of Sin & Death, and that in Consequence hereof, all the Generations of Adam are born in a State of corrupted Nature, destitute of original Righteousness & Purity, & infected with Sin properly so called so as to become Children of Wrath by Nature. Psa 51: 5. Rom 5: 19 Eph 2: 3, 4. And that God hath from all Eternity chosen a certain Number of lapsed or fallen Mankind to Life & Salvation as the End, & Faith in Christ & Holiness as the Means- Eph 1: 4 2 Thep 2: 13.

4 We believethat God, in Compassion to the sinful perishing State of Mankind fore-ordained, & in the Fulness of Time sent his only begotten Son, to be the Saviour of the World; & that Jesus Christ the Son of God, became true & real Man, being made of a Woman, & in all things like unto his Brethren Sin only excepted; & at the same Time in his original Nature God over all blessed for ever more, being God & Man in one Person- John 1: 14 1 Tim 3:6 Gal 4:4 Heb 2:17 Rom 9: 5,6.

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CONFESSION OF FAITH

5 That Christ the Son of God having in Compliance with his Fathers Will taken on Him the Nature of Man, hath therein substituted himself to bear our Sins in his Sacrefice on the Cross for the Expeation of them, & humbled himself in his Obedience unto Death for our Redemption, whereby he has made a true & perfect Satisfaction to the Justice of God for the Sins of Man.

6 That He rose again from the Dead on the third Day, & ascended into Heaven as our victorious Redeemer, & sitteth at the right Hand of God making Intercession for Us, & having Power given Him over all Things in Heaven & on Earth.

7 That he sustains & executes the Threefold Office of Prophet Priest & King in his Church.

8 That in the Exercise of his Office as Redeemer, and of the Fullness of Power committed to Him; He has published the Gospel Covenant: Requiring Faith & Repentance of Sinful Men, in Order to Pardon & Salvation. And We must look to be pardoned & Saved only thro the Merits of Christ, applied by Faith as our only available Plea before the Justice of God in Opposition to all Works, not only Those of the Mosaic Law, but all Works of Righteousness which we are supposed to have done, or can do, either before or after Grace received; & the only solid Ground of the Imputation of the Righteousness of Christ to Us for our Justification is our Union to Christ by Faith, & not Works of Obedience tho' a lively Faith uniting to Christ will be ever followed with Works of Gospel- Obedience.-
Rom: 3:25 Tit 3:5 Phill 3:9 Rom 8:1

9 We believe the holy Spirit is given thro' the Merit & Interception of Christ to make Application of his purchased Redemption to Men's Souls; and that his gracious Influences are necessary to a Life of Faith & Obedience & particularly the regenerating & renewing Power & Grace of the holy Spirit is necessary to quicken Sinners naturally dead in Sin, impotent & averse to all spiritual Good; & to lead them into the life of God: And his gracious Aids are to be sought & depended on by Believers in all their Acts of the spiritual Life, whereby They are enabled to persevere to Perfection.

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CONFESSION OF FAITH

10 That Christ hath instituted a Gospel Ministry, & the two Sacrements of Baptism & the Lord's Supper as the outward Means of the Application of Redemption- to be observed in his Church till his second Coming.

11 We believe another Life after this Life & that Christ will come again, & raise the Dead, & judge the World; & that We must all appear before the Judgement- Seat of Christ.

12 That at the last Day, the Wicked shall be adjudg'd to everlasting Punishments, & the Righteous to Life eternal. ----------

The above calvinistic Articles of Faith We receive as being agreeable to the Word of God & the common receiv'd Opinion of these Churches.

on the 30th Day of September 1765.
The above Confession was acepted by the Church as their own beleafe by a Unanamos Vote and that it Should be Recorded in the Church Book.

Timothy Nichols and his wife Dismised to the Chh in Amherst.

Persons recd Into full Communion after ye Decease of our Revd Pastor Mr William Hobby.

October 13 1765. Daniel Gould
Hannah Swain wife Jacob Swain
Abigal Roggers the wife of John Roggers

1766

September 18 1766.

At a meeting of the first Church of Christ in Reading upon the 18th Day of September 1766.
Deacon Benjamin Brown moderator.

Voted That the Church Doth mak choice of Mr John Lotrop to be the Pastor of this Church Provided his principals of Religon and meathod of Church Goverment agree with this Church:

Voted That the Deacons with Coll Nichols and Mr John Temple and Mr Nathaniel Emerson be a Committee to Joyn with the Revd Mr Joseph Emerson of Malden the Revd Mr Robbe of Lynn and the Revd Mr Stone to Examen Mr John Lotropt: with Regard to his principals of Religon and meathod of ChurchGoverment and at the adjournment of Said meeting which was on the 25th Day of September 1766 the Commttee above Said made thare Report to the Church and the Church acepted of the Report of Said Committe and Renewed thare Choice and.

Voted That the Church Doth make choice of Mr John Lotropt to be the Pastor of this Church.

Persons recd into full Communion 1766.

August 10 1766 Hannah ye wife of Joshua Bancroft
Abigal Eaton

October 12 1766 Charity Eaton

November 2 1766 John Bacheller Junr
Nathanel Cowdry his wife
Sarah Cowdry

December 14 1766 Sarah Woolley ye wife of
Nathan Wolley

1767

February 24 1767.

At a meeting of the first Church in Reading February the 24: 1767.

the Revd Mr Joseph Roby Chosen moderator.

1 Voted That the Church is greaved that So many of their Breathen Do not meet with them at this time.

2 Voted That the Church Send an affectionate message to those Breatheren that have absented themselves from the meeting this Day. Particklularly to those Eretheren that are Dissatisfied with Mr Latrop and Desire their Attendance at the adjornment of this meeting.

3 that Deacon Emerson Deacon Bancroft and Mr Timothy Pratt be a Committee to goe to these Bretheren and Cary ye message of Church to them.

4 Voted That this meeting be adjourned to next fryday 2 of ye Clock at this Place.

November 19 1767.

At a meeting of the first Church of Christ in Reading upon the ninteenth Day of November 1767:

Deacon Benjamin Brown was Chosen moderator.

Our Brother Thomas Parker came before the Church and acknoliged he had been guity of ye Sin of Intemperance: and Expressed his Sorrow theirfor: and that he wold Indever a Reforman for the future: the Church took it Into considration and So left it for the Present.

Then after a considrable Debate upon the Dificultys that are amungst us the Church proposed to adjourn the meeting and to Send for the Revd Mr Stone for our assestence: as Moderator.

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November 19 1767.

The Church then

Voted To Send to the Revd Mr Stone to assest us at the adjournment of this meeting & and to be moderator. Then

Voted To adjourn this meeting to the first Munday after the thanksgiving: (viz : the 7th Day of December next.

Voted That all matters of complaint that are to come before the Church Shall be Exhibited in wrighting: and a coppy of the complaint Sent to the Person or persons Complained off.

Persons recd into full Communion.

May 31 1767 Sarah Eaton Wife of Lille Eaton
Elisabeth Townsend wife of Jacob Townsend

August 16 1767 Hannah ye Wife of Thomas Symonds Junr

Sept 27 1767 Lydia Boutttel ye wife of Thomas Bouttel Junr dismist from this Chh: to ye chh: of Christ in Amherst.

Decemr 7th 1767 Joseph Cogin and wife Dismist to the Church of Christ in Willmington.

1768

September 1 1768.

At a meeting of ye first Church of Christ in Reading on the first Day of Sepember 1768.

Deacn Samll Bancroft Chosen moderator.

The Church then Past this Vote following.

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September 1 1768

That wareas we have for a considerable time Past Lived in a neglect of the Lord's Supper by means of Some Perplexing circumstances which have attended our affairs we Unitedly humble ourselves before God for our Sinful neglect & Implore forgiveness; through the Blood of Attonment & Grace for the future to honnor Christ by a carefull attendance on all his ordinances and our purpos is by ye Leave of Providence to attend the holy Supper. With all convenient Speed hoping thare to meet with Christ and sit together as frends and Brethren forbaring one another and forgiving one another As God for Christ sake forgiveth us.

August 17 1768

John Roggers & Wife Dismised to the third church in Ipswich & recommended .

Persons received Into full Communion 1768

July 1768 Bridget the wife of John Orn
Nathen Person

April 18 1769

At a meeting of the first Church in Reading April ye 18: 1769 the Revd Mr. Elias Smith was chosen Moderator.

1 it was then Put to vote whether the Church wold hear Mr. Caleb Prentice four Saboths upon Probation and it Past in the affermitive 34 yeas 25 nays.

2 Voted that Brown Emerson Col. Nichols John Smith Josiah Walton & Jonathan Eaton be a Committee to wait upon Mr. Prentice and Lay before him the Votes of ye Church. The meating was then adjourned to ye nex munday com fortnit. At the adjournment it was put to Vote whether ye Chh. will at this time Give Mr. Caleb Prentice Libarian at Cambridg a Call to the work of the ministry in this Place and it Past in the Affermitive 39 yea 26 nay.

3ly Voted that Brown Emerson Coll. Nichols & Cpt. Goodwin be a Comttee to wait upon Mr. Prentice and Lay before him the Votes of ye Church.

August 7 1769

At a meeting of ye first Church of X in Reading on the 7 Day of August 1769: Brown Emerson Moderator.

1 It was Voted Unanamosly that the Church Doth Renew their Call of Mr. Caleb Prentice of Cambridg to be the Pastor of this Church and Minister of this Parish.

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August 7 1769

21y Voted that Coll. Nichols Brown Emerson & Cpt. Goodwin Shall be a committee to wait upon Mr. Prentice & Lay before him the Votes of ye Church.

Nov: 19 1769

After Service, The Church was Stayed & Mr. Saml. Smith dismissed & recommended to ye Chh. in Hardwick-- Also a Petition was read, Signed by ye Brethren of ye Chh. living in ye Wood-end, requesting a Ch- Meeting in Order to debate upon & determine, whether they Shall have any Part of ye Ch Plate. The Ch. thinking it improper to determine that Matter while the Wood-end Brethren continue related to this Ch, voted to dismiss ye Petition.

August 18 1769

Amos Upham and Lois his wife Dismised and Recomended to the first Church of Christ in Malden.

Persons received into Full Communion 1769

March 19 1769	Kaz iah ye wife of Caleb Parker
Sept. 24 1769	John Emerson Junr. & Catharine his wife
October 1 1769	John Meeds Dismised to Hisbrough

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Caleb Prentice was invited to preach at ye old Parish in Reading---

	Jany 8th 1769
To ye Pastoral Office	May 16th
The Parish divided in	July
The Invitation renewed	Augt. 14th
Which Invitation he accepted	Sep. 17th
& was ordained Pastor of ye first Church in Reading	Octbr. 25th 1769

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The Churches whose Assistance was asked were ye following Twelve---

The Church of Cambridge to which he belonged.
The Church of Watertown
The Church of Wilmington
The Chh. of Holliston
The 3rd Chh. of Lynn
The Chh. of Stoneham
The Chh. of Middleton
The Chh. of Chelsea
The Chh. of Roxbury
The first Chh. in Woburn
The 2nd Chh. in Reading
& The Old North in Boston

The Service of ye Day was carried on in ye following Manner-- Mr. Morril of Wilmington made ye first Prayer. Mr. Adams of Roxbury preach'd from those Words 1 Thessalonians 2nd Chap: 8th V. Mr. Appleton of Cambridge gave ye Charge. Mr. Roby of Lynn made ye last Prayer & Mr. Storer of Watertown gave ye right Hand of Fellowship-- The Ordained Parson named ye Psalm & gave ye Blessing May he obtain Mercy of ye Lord to be found faithful.

Persons admitted into the Church after the Ordination of Mr. Caleb Prentice. 1769

Nov. 19	Daniel Emerson
	Timothy Emerson
Dec. 10	Rebekah Eaton

1770

Feb. 8th

At a Ch. Meeting a Vote was past; to pay from ye Ch. Stock to ye Pastor five Shillings & four Pence for a Book wch he purchased for ye use of ye Ch. also Voted To dismiss, in Order to their being incorporated into a distinct Ch by themselves in ye Parish called Wood-End, the Brethren& Sisters whose Names are hereafter mentioned.

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1770

Dn Jona Temple &
Sarah his Wife

Dn Samll Bancroft &
Lydia his Wife

Jona Nichols &
Eliz:th his Wife

Jeremiah Swain &
Sarah his Wife

Joseph Damon &
Lydia his Wife

John Parker &
Sarah his Wife

Timothy Pratt &
Abigail his Wife

John Boutell &
Elizth his Wife

Jacob Townsend &
Eliza his Wife

Timothy Pratt Junr. &
Tabitha his Wife

John Emerson &
Hannah his Wife

Joseph Bancroft &
Eliza his Wife

James Bancroft &
Sarah his Wife

Isaac Weston &
Eliza his Wife

Richard Nichols &
Mary his Wife

Benjn Parker &
Sarah his Wife

John Temple &
Rebekah his Wife

John Nichols &
Johanna his Wife

Jona Foster &
Abigail his Wife

Isaac Burnap &
Susanna his Wife

Benjn Foster &
Eliza his Wife

Joseph Parker &
Mary his Wife

Jona Parker &
Ruth his Wife

Nathll. Emerson &
Hepsibah his Wife

Nathan Pearson &
Anne his Wife

Ephraim Parker &
Rebekah his Wife

Jabez Damon &
Lucy his Wife

David Bacheller
Nathll Bacheller

Joanna Wife of
Thos. Symonds

Abigail Wife of
Timothy Hartshorn

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1770

Hannah Wife of
Thos. Symonds Junr.

Mehetabel Wife of
Isaac Prat

Mary Wife of
Jona. Pool

Martha Wife of
Richd Mellendy

Ruth Wife of
John Boutell Junr.

Anna Wife of
Samll. Pratt

Abigail Wife of
Daniel Pratt

Lois Wife of
James Eaton

Bethiah Wife of
John Nicholsthird

Hannah Wife of
Jacob Swain

Hepsibah Wife of
Asa Parker

Mary Wife of
Wm. Parker

Mary Wife of
Nathll Bacheller Junr.

Abigail Wife of
Samll Damon

Hannah Wife of
Joshua Bancroft

Heziah Wife of
Caleb Parker

Hannah Wife of
John Temple Junr.

Mary Wife of
Jonah Parker

Widow Mary Townsend
Widow Esther Weston

Widow Abigail Eaton
Widow Mary Merrow

Widow Hepsibah Nichols
Widow Mary Parker

Widow Abigail Walcot
Rebekah Eaton

Sarah Bacheller
Abigail Nichols

Martha Emerson
Hannah Symonds

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1770

February 18 1770

The Ch being Stopp'd after Service, a Petition was read Signed by ye Members living in ye third Parish, who were lately dismiss'd from our Fellowship, in wh they desire to be recommended as Persons in regular Standing wth ye Ch, or if this be denied, yt ye Reasons of ye Refusal be given. A Recommendation was refused: And Coll. Nichols Capt. Goodwin, & Capt Green, were chose as a Committee to draw up ye Reasons of ye Refusal.

A Letter was at ye Same Time read from ye Same Members requesting our presence & Assistance, in keeping a Day of Fasting & Prayer, to Seek Direction in ye Settling a Minister & to embody them into a distinct Ch by them-Selves. Voted not to send.

March 4th 1770

Jeremiah Bryant Junr. & Rebecca his Wife having broke ye Seventh Commandment before marriage, confessed their Sin publickly, & were restored to former Charity.

March 4th 1770

The Ch was Stopped after Service & a petition was read from ye third Ch in Reading, Desiring yt we would allow them some Part of our Ch- Plate & other Vessels; or if this should be denied, yt we would lend them some Part till they could be otherways supplied; The Ch voted first Not to allow them any Part & secondly Not to lend them any Part.

March 27th 1770

At a Meeting of ye Ch, Capt David Green & Mr. John Smith were chosen to the Office of Deacons. At ye Same Time ye Ch Voted to have ye Sacrament on ye third Sabbath, every month (two Months in The Winter excepted) & to have ye Lecture on ye Thursday preceeding.

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1770

Aug. 5. 1770

Capt David Green having Signifyed to me his Refusal of ye Deacon's office & Mr. John Smith having signified his acceptance of ye Same, I this Day informed ye Ch of both, declared my Approbation of Mr. Smith, appointed him to yt sacred Office & desird him for ye future to take his seat & officiate as Deacon.

Octbr. 18th 1770

At a Ch Meeting after Lecture, Mr. Jacob Emerson was chosen to ye Office of a Deacon wch he refused; upon his refusal Mr. John Pratt was elected to yt Office & was desird to take ye Matter under Consideration:- At ye Same Time a Letter was read from ye third Ch of Ct. in this place, desiring our Presence & Assistance in ye Ordination of Mr. Thomas Haven, chosen to ye Pastoral Office in Said Ch.-- Voted to send Deacon Brown Emerson, Deacon John Smith, & Mr. Jacob Emerson, Delegates.

Persons admitted into the Church after the ordination of Mr. Caleb Prentice. 1770

Jan. 7 1770	Amos Walton Samuel Felch
Feb 18 1770	Rachel Wife to Jona Cowdry
March 25 1770	Phebe Bryant Rebekah Wife to Jeremiah Bryant Junr.
April 15 1770	Anna Brown
April 29 1770	Sarah Brown
May 6th 1770	Daniel Smith Margaret, Wife to John Bacheller Junr. Lydia Wife to James Brown Lynn End
May 20 1770	Mary, Wife to Joseph Underwood Lynn End.

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Persons admitted into the Church after the ordination of Mr. Caleb Prentice. 1770

June 10 1770	Hannah Wife to Jonathan Eaton Junr.
July 8th 1770	Elizabeth Wesson
Aug. 19 1770	Rebecca Weston Judith Smith
Nov. 18 1770	Mary Wife to Ephraim Johnson Margaret Lambert
Dec. 23 1770	Phebe Wife to John Goodwin

1771

March 14 1771

The Ch. was Stop'd after Lecture, & Mr. Phiehas Parker & Martha hia Wife were dismiss'd & recommended to the Ch. of Ct. in Pepperell.

May 19th 1771

The Ch. being Stop'd after Service, Mr. Thomas Temple was dismiss'd & recommended to ye Ch of Ct. in Framingham

October 13th 1771

The Ch being Stop'd after Service, Mrs. Ruth Boutell Wife to Thomas Boutell&& Mrs. Eunice Boutell Wife to Mr. Reuben Boutell were dismiss'd & recommended to ye Ch. of Ct. in Amherst.

Novr. 10th 1771

The Ch being Stop'd after Service Mr. Samll. Wesson & Sarah his Wife were dismiss'd & recommended to ye Ch of Ct. in Townsend.

Persons admitted into the Church after the ordination of Mr. Caleb Prentice 1771.

Sept. 15 1771	Mrs. Pamela Prentice Consort to the Reverend Caleb Prentice, by Dismission from the 2nd Church in Lancaster.
Nov. 17 1771	Lydia Wife to Ebenezer Damon, Junr.
Dec. 8 1771	John Burnham

1772

Ap. 2nd 1772 Fast.

Ebenezer Nichols Junr. & Sarah his Wife, having broke ye Seventh Commandment before Marriage confessed their Sin publickly, & were restored to former Charity

May 3 1772

The Ch being Stop'd after Service Eleamore Fuller Wife to Elijah Fuller was dismiss'd & recommended to ye Ch. of Ct. in Middleton.

Sept. 17 1772

It being Lecture the Ch met after Lecture & chose Mr. John Walton to be a Trustee, in ye Place of Coll. Nichols removed, to ye Legacy of Dn. Parker. After this ye Meeting was adjourned to ye Next Lecture Day.

Sept. 20 1772

The Ch. being Stopped after Meeting, I read to them a Letter from ye Ch. of Ct. in Merrimack desiring our Presence & assistance at ye Ordination of Mr. Jacob Burnap to ye Work of the Ministry there- The Ch. Voted to send Deacon Brown Emerson, Capt. David Green & James Emerson, chose Delegates.

Oct. 4 1772

The Ch being stopp'd after Meeting Colll Eben. Nichols was (agreable to his Desire) dismiss'd & recommended to the Ch. of Ct. in Merrimack, New Hampshire.

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1772

Dec. 17 1772

After Lecture the Ch. met by Adjournment to consider ye Case of three Sisters of the Ch, who for Some time past, have absented themselves from ye Communion of ye Ch.-- Voted to choose a Committee of Five, to converse with them, to exhort them to return to Duty, & in Case they Still persist to absent themselves to desire them to give in to ye Ch. in writing ye Reasons of their Conduct. Deacons Emerson & Smith, Capt Green Capt Goodwin & Josiah Walton chose a committee for the above Purpose. The Meeting adjourned, till next Lecture.

Persons admitted into the Church after the ordination of Mr. Caleb Prentice. 1772

Jan. 12 1772	Elizabeth Wife to Jona. Hartshorn.
Feb. 2 1772	Eleanor Wife to Elijah Fuller
May 3 1772	John Swain 3rd Sarah Wife to Eben. Nichols Junr.

1773

Feb 7 1773

I stop'd ye Ch after after Meeting & informed them of a Request from Isaac Dupee of Westminister, yt there might be a Charitable Collection for him, it was tho't best to defer ye Matter till next Sabbath, for Consideration.

Fe. 14 1773

The Ch. tho't it proper yt ye Congregation should have a voice in this Matter & therefore I stop'd ye Congregation & took their Vote, Voted a Contribution Next Lord's Day.

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1773

Feb. 18 1773

The Ch met by adjournement after Lecture, to hear ye Report of ye Committee chose to converse with ye Sisters who had absented from Communion, after hearing ye Report, ye Ch. Voted, To delay doing any thing about ye Matter two Months longer, Accordingly, the Meeting was adjourned till Next Lecture.

Feb. 28 1773

I stop'd ye Ch. after worship, & Mrs. Margaret Briggs, Wife to Mr. Zephaniah Briggs was dismiss'd & recommended to ye Ch. in Northborough

Apl. 15 1773

Being ye Annual Fast, I read to ye Congregation a Letter from ye Rev: Mr. Stone & others, requesting a Charitable Contribution for Mr. Benjamin Flynt Junr. of ye North-Parish, whose house was Providentially consumed by fire a little before. Voted a Contribution & appointed it to be Next Sabbath.

May 13 1773

The Ch met by adjournment after Lecture, further to consider ye Case of those Sisters, who absented themselves from ye Communion of ye Ch. After deliberating upon ye Matter, ye Ch. Voted yt ye Same Committee before chosen in this case should again converse with those Sisters & insist upon their giveing to ye Ch. in writing ye Reasons of their Conduct, & in case yt they are unwilling to give any Reasons & desire Permission to attend ye Communion of a Sister Ch, to require them to acknowledge themselves faulty in absenting hitherto from Duty & now humbly to request Liberty of Communion with a Sister Ch. The Meeting was then adjourned to ye next Lecture.

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1773

June 17 1773

The Ch. met by adjournment after Lecture further to consider ye Case of those Sisters who have withdrawn from ye Communion of this Ch, having heard ye Report of ye Committee & deliberated upon ye Matter, as these Persons still persist in refusing to give in to yeCh. in writing ye Reasons of their Conduct, A Vote was put & ye Question asked- Whether ye Ch would give liberty to those Sisters (viz) Susanna Green Elizabeth Green, & Bridget Orne to attend ye Communion of other Ches where they choose. It past in ye Negative -- then Voted that Dn. Emerson & Dn. Smith should lay a Copy of this Vote before those Sisters.

Aug. 23 1773

A Ch. Meeting was called at ye Request of Susanna Green, Elizabeth Green & Bridget Orne, who desired that ye Ch. would give them ye Reasons of their Conduct in passing that Vote, by wch they were prohibited ye Communion of other Ches. Voted, that ye Reason of ye Ch's vote in refusing Liberty to those three Sisters of attending ye Communion of other Ches, where they chose, was this, (viz) Because they refused to give in to ye Ch in Writing ye Reasons for wh they with-drew from ye Communion of this Ch. & refused or delayed to return. After this Vote was passed, The Reasons were given in Writing to ye Ch from each of these Sisters, were read to ye Ch, & ye Meeting was adjourned till next Monday when these Reasons are to be considered by ye Ch.

Aug. 30th 1773

The Ch met according to adjournment, & after ye considering ye Reasons offered to ye Ch by Susanna Green, Elizabeth Green, & Bridget Orne for their withdrawing from ye Communion of this Ch, ye Vote was put & Question asked.

Whether it is ye Opinion of this Ch yt ye Reasons given by those Sisters to ye Ch are Sufficient to justify them in withdrawing from ye Communion of this Ch? Voted, Not Sufficient.

Then ye following Vote was put & Question asked, As there is a Difference in Judgment between this Ch & those Sisters above mentioned, with Respect to Some Proceedings of ye Ch; altho' ye Reasons wch they have assigned do not appear sufficient in ye Minds of ye Ch to justify their withdrawing, yet as they appear weighty to ye Consciences of these Sisters.

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Aug. 30th 1773

Whether ye Ch. will give them Liberty on this Account to Commune either in this Ch or in ye Neighboring Ches, wh are in Communion with this Ch?
Voted to give them this Liberty.

Oct. 4 1773

The Ch met to determine in wt Mannar to apply ye Legacy left to ye Ch by Thomas Burnap & to consider a Complaint bro't before ye Ch. by John Goodwin & David Green against Jona Eaton-- Voted, that one of ye Cups belonging to the Ch, equivalent in Value with said Legacy, shall be marked as a Gift from Thos. Burnap to ye Ch, & ye Money with an Addition from ye Ch. Stock, so as to make thirteen Pounds, Six Shillings & Eight Pence, shall be Put upon Interest for ye Benefit of ye Ch-- Dean Emerson, Dean Smith, & John Walton Junr. chosen a Committee to put said Money on Interest & take Security. Meeting was adjourned to Thursday ye 21st of this Month further to hear & consider ye Case between Goodwin Green & Eaton.
Oct. 21st.

The Ch. met according to Adjournment & having heard ye Parties Adjounred to Thursday the 4th of November Next, to consider the Matter.

Nov. 4th 1773

The Ch met according to Adjournment when such Concessions were made by Mr. Eaton as were accepted by the Complainants & the Affair was finally settled to the Satisfaction of the Ch.

Persons admitted into the Church after the Ordination of Mr. Caleb Prentice. 1773.

Mar 14 1773	Ruth Hopkinson
Sept 5 1773	Mary Tottingham
Nov. 7 1773	Rebecca Upham

1774

Feb 6th 1774

I stopped ye Ch after Service, & Daniel Smith was dismist & recommended to ye Ch. in Amherst.

May 23rd 1774

At a Meeting of ye Ch. Mr. Jacob Emerson & Mr. John Bacheller were chosen Deacons; Mr. Jacob Emerson was chosen Treasurer for the Ch; the Deacons, together with Capt Goodwwin, Mr. John Walton & Capt Green were chosen a Committee to look after & secure ye Temporal Interst of ye Ch & were directed to buy a blank Book for the Use of ye Ch--- At this Meeting Mr. Daniel Gould was chosen a Deacon, but refused to accept.

July 17 1774

Mr. Jacob Emerson & Mr. John Bacheller having signified to ye Pastor their acceptance of ye Office of Deacons, were this Day Appointed to ye Same & took their Seats.

Persons admitted into the Church after the Ordination of Mr. Caleb Prentice. 1774

Apl. 17 1774	Nathll Swain & Mary his Wife. James Hartshorn & Sarah his Wife.
June 5 1774	Martha Wife to Daniel Gould
June 19 1774	Jonas Rice.

1775

Apl. 16 1775

The Church was stopped after Service & Some Papers read relative to Mr. Joseph Eaton of Lynn End, from wh it appeared yt altho' he was formerly dismissed from this Chh, & recommended to ye Second Ch in Lynn, yet there is no Record of his having ever been received there & they disown his being a member of their Ch. Therefore, Voted, that this Ch. look upon Mr. Joseph Eaton as being still a member of this Ch.

June 4 1775

The Ch. being stopped after Service, Elizabeth the Wife of Andrew Beard was dismissed & recommended to the third Ch. in Reading.

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1775

Aug 13th 1775

John Burnam & Jerusha his Wife having broken ye seventh Commandment before Marriage, confessed their Sin publickly & were restored to former Charity.

Aug. 13th 1775

Major Nathll: Barber from Boston having presented ye first Parish in Reading with a handsome Folio Bible, I stop'd ye Congregation after exercise & informed them of ye Gift. They voted, That ye Pastor & Deacons should be a Committee to return ye Thanks of ye Parish to Major Barber for his Generous Donation- & voted to have ye Scriptures read publickly upon ye Sabbath for the future.

Persons admitted into the Church 1775

Ap: 9th Mehetabel Emerson wife to Kendal Emerson.

1776

Mar. 17th 1776

The Ch. being stopp'd after Service, Abigail Wife of Benjamin Hartshorn was dismiss'd & recommended to the Ch. of Ct. in Merrimack in N. Hampshire: & the Ch voted,

That in future during the Ch's Pleasure, The Communion shall be once in two months, Wine being obtained with Difficulty on Account of our Public Troubles.

May 17th 1776 Fast.

The Ch being stopped after Service Fast Day- John Emerson & Katherine his Wife & Timothy Emerson were dismiss'd & reccommended to embody with others into a Ch. in Ashby.

Aug. 25th 1776

The Ch. being stopp'd after Service, Caleb Bancroft & Sarah his Wife were dismissed & recommended to the Ch. of Christ in Temple.

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1776

Sept. 29 1776

The Ch being stopped after Divine Service, Elizabeth, Wife of Ebenezer Williams was dismissed & reccommended to the Ch of Christ in Amherst N. Hampshire.

Persons admitted into the Church 1776

June 30th	Wid: Thankful Brown
July 21	Benjamin Brown
	John Pratt Junr.
	Anna his Wife.
	Mary Upham
Oct:	Thomas Davis
Nov. 3	Susanna Cowdry
	Elizabeth Wife of Amos Bordman
	by Dismission from Andover 1st Chh

1777

May 11th 1777

The Ch being Stopped after Divine Service John Swain was dismiss'd & recommended to the Second Ch of Christ in Andover.

Nov. 13th 1777

At a Ch- Meeting after Lecture, Deacn John Bacheller & Margaret his Wife were dismiss'd & recommended to the Church of Christ in Royalston.

Nov. 13th 1777

At a Church-meeting called to consider a request from Deacon Jonathan Temple of the third Church of this Town, (viz) that the Ch would return to him a Silver Cup which he Some years ago, while Member of this Ch, gave for the Use of ye first Ch of Ct. in Reading; after Consultation upon the Matter, it was unanimously voted not to comply with the Request.

Persons admitted into the Church 1777

Feb. 9	Sarah Williams
Mar: 9	Jonathan Pool
May 11	Susanna Brown
Nov: 2	Sarah Wife of
	Jonathan Pool

1778

January 11th 1778

Chh. was stopp'd & Susanna, Wife of Nathan Miles was dismissed & recommended to the Chh of Christ in Westminster-- The Chh voted to omit the Communion next Sabbath.

Aug: 30

Chh. was stopped & Samll. Felch junr was dismissed & recommended to the Chh of Ct. in Royalston.

1779

May 6th 1779

Chh was stopped after Service & John Pratt & Elizabeth his Wife dismissed & recommended to the Chh of XX in New Ipswich New Hampshire.

Sept. 7th 1779

At a Chh Meeting regularly called- It was voted, not to return the Cup to Deacon Temple, which he renewedly requested-- Coll Benjamin Brown was chosen a Deacon, to Serve this Ch Capt. Goodwin Deacon Smith, & Coll. Brown were chosen a Committee to look after & take care of the Pewter Utensils of the Church.

Sept. 26th 1779

The Chh. was stopped & Mehetabel, Wife of David Child was dismiss'd & recommended to the 2nd Chh. of Ct. in Shrewsbury.

Persons admitted into the Church 1779

May 6 James Wiley
Aug.1 Brown Emerson
Mary, Wife of James Wiley by
Dismission from 3rd Chh in Lynn

1780

Ap. 1780

Coll. Brown having signified to ye Pastor his Acceptance of ye Office of a Deacon, publick Notice was this Day given of it And he was desired to take his Seat & officiate in that Sacred Calling wh he did.

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1780

May 7th 1780

The Chh was stopped after Divine Exercise & Nathll. Swain & Mary his Wife were dismiss'd & recommended to the Chh of E-t in Hallifax, Vermont.

Oct. 1 1780

The Chh was stopped after Divine Service & the following Persons dismissed & recommended to the Second Chh in Lynn, viz: (James Bancroft & Esther his Wife
(Joseph Brown & John Burnham-----

Persons admitted into the Church 1780

Ap: 23	Katharine Stimpson
July 30	Elizabeth Hopkins
Aug. 27	Lydia, Wife of Jeremiah Brown Junr.

1781

July 1 1781

The Chh was stopped after public Service & Mary, Wife of Timothy Smith was dismissed & recommended to the 2nd Chh in Amherst-- N. Hampshire.

Oct. 21 1781

The Chh, being stopped after Divine Service, I read a Letter from the Chh of Christ in Lincoln requesting our Presence & Assistance, at the Ordination of Mr. Charles Stearns. Voted to send-- Deacons Emerson & Brown & Capt. Goodwin Delegates.

Persons admitted into full Communion 1781

Ap: 22	Elizabeth Wife of Kendal Emerson
	Hannah Wife of William Wiley.
May 6	Mary Wife of John Lambert
July 8th	Josiah Bryant
July 15	Sarah, Wife of Samll. Badger Junr.
Nov. 11	Sarah Wife of

Edmund Eaton

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1858

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1782

Feb. 3 1782

The Chh being stopped after Divine Service, Samuel Felch & his Wife were dismissed & recommended to the Chh of Xt in Royalston.

Nov. 17th 1782

The Chh. being Stopped after Religious Exercises, Amos Walton was dismissed and recommended to the Chh of Xt in Wrentham.

Dec. 8th 1782

The Chh being stopped after Divine Service Susanna, Wife of the Revd Charles Stearns was dismissed & recommended to the Chh. of Christ in Lincoln.

Persons admitted into the Church 1782

Feb. 3	Lucy Hopkins
Feb. 24	Thomas Damon Jun. & Elizabeth his Wife
	Mary, Wife of Thomas Pool.
Apl. 28	Thomas Parker Junr. & Sarah his Wife.
Nov. 24	Hepsibah, Wife of John Pratt

1783

Sept. 21 1783

The Chh being Stopped after Divine Service, I read a Letter from the Chh of Christ in Lynnfield, requesting our Presence and Assistance at the Ordination of Mr. Joseph Mottey-- Voted not to send.

Oct. 26 1783

The Chh being Stopped after Divine Service, A Letter was read from the East Chh in Barnstable, requesting our Presence and Assistance at the Ordination of Mr. John Mellen-- Voted to send. Deacon Brown & Capt Goodwin Delegates.

Dec. 6th 1783

The Chh was stopped after Divine Service & Jonas Rice was dismis'd & recommended to the Chh. of Christ in Ashburnham.

Persons admitted into the Church 1783

June 15 Susanna Wife of Isaac Smith

1784

Jun. 18th 1784

The Chh was Stopped after publick Devotion & a Letter was read from the first Chh. in Lynn desiring our Presence & Assistance, at the Installment of Mr. Obadiah Parsons. Voted to Send Gen: Brown Capt. Goodwin & Capt. Walton were chosen Delegates.

Jan. 25th 1784

The Chh was Stopped after publick worship, & a Letter read from the Chh of Christ in Hanover, requesting our Presence & Assistance at the Installment of the Revd John Mellen- Voted to Send- Ebenezer Hopkinson & John Pratt Delegates.

Ap. 11th 1784

Charles Eaton & Rebecca his Wife having fallen into the Sin of Fornication before Marriage, this Day made a publick Confession & were restored to former Charity.

Persons admitted into the Church 1784

Mar. 7	William Wiley
Ap. 25	Rebecca Wife of Charles Eaton
Nov. 21	Sarah Wife of Cornelius Sweetser
Nov. 14	Deacon Francis Smith Dismiss'd from ye 2nd Chh. in Lynn

1785

March 13 1785

The Chh. was stopped after publick worship, & a Letter read from the first Chh. of Christ in Woburn, requesting our presence & Assistance at the Ordination of Mr. Samuel Sargeant-- Voted to send-- Brigadier Brown & Ebenezer Hopkinson, Delegates.

(Continued) 1785

June 27 1785

At a regular Chh Meeting the following Votes were pass'd. viz , Mr Ebenezer Hopkins was elected a Trustee, in ye Place of Capt Walton deceased, to ye Legacy of Dean Parker-- Mr Hopkins & Mr Jona Pool were added to ye Committee, for looking after & securing ye Chh's interest- Voted, to return to ye former Usage of ye Chh, & have ye Communion Monthly omitting December & February - Voted, that ye Deacons sell ye Pewter Utensils, & purchase two new Flagons for ye Use of ye Chh.

July 14 1785.

Deacon Emerson having signified his Desire to be excused from serving the Chh as Treasurer, The Chh stopped after Lecture & chose Deacon Brown to be Treasurer in his Place.

Sept 25 1785

The Chh was stopped after publick Service and Susanna, Wife of John Hartshorn was dismissed & recommended to the Chh of Christ in Lunenburg.

Oct: 16 1785

The Chh was stopped after publick Service, & a Letter read from the Chh of Christ in Boxborough, requesting our Presence & Assistance, at the Installment of Mr Joseph Willard, Voted to send, Brigadier Brown, & Daniel Gould chosen Delegates.

Persons admitted to the Church 1785.

Nov	13	Ruth Upham
Dec	18	Phinehas Wiley & Susanna his Wife.
Dec	25	Nathaniel Emerson & Mercy his Wife

1786

The Chh was Stopped after publick Service and a Letter read from the first Chh of Christ in Malden, requesting our presence & assistance, at the ordination of Mr Adoniram Judson- Voted to send-- Brigadier Brown & Peter Emerson chosen Delegates.

Persons admitted into the Church 1786

Feb	5	John Green & Abigail his Wife
Ap	16	Hepzibah Walton

1787

Ap 8 1787.

William Wilson & Mary his Wife having fallen into the Sin of Fornication before marriage, this day made a publick Confession & were restored to former Charity.

Nov 4 1787.

The Chh was Stopped after publick Service & Sarah Wife of Lemuel Jenkins was dismissed & recommended to the Chh of Christ in Townsend.

Persons admitted into the Church 1787

Ap	15	Mary Wife of William Wilson

1788

June 12
At a Chh meeting, regularly notified & held by adjournment from the 4th Instant, after mature deliberation, the following Votes were past.

1 Voted, Not to give any of the Chh-Plate to the third Chh in this Town.

2 Voted, That this Chh will not require any Relation to be exhibited to this Chh, as a Condition of Admission into the Chh- but leave Persons at liberty to make or not make them, as they may be disposed.

(Continued) 1788

June 12 1788.

3 Voted, that this Chh will not require any publick Confession of any Sin, as a Condition of Admission into this Chh, but only a Gospel profession of faith & Repentance, to be signified by Signing the Chh Covenant.

4 Voted, That it is the Desire of the Chh, that the Intermission on our Communion Sabbaths , during Summer, be one hour & an half from the Conclusion of the Communion Service.

Persons admitted into the Church 1788.

July	13	Wid: Heziah Bryant
Aug	24	Thomas Brown
Oct	12	Katherine Wife of Dr William Stimpson
		Sukey Stimpson
Nov	16	Charles Hay
		Sarah Pratt
		Rebecca Stimpson
Dec	7	Patty Underwood

1789

Nov 1 1789.

The Chh was Stopped after publick Service, and Sarah, Wife of Timothy Stearns was dismiss'd & recommended to the Chh of Christ in Framingham.

Dec 20 1789.

The Chh was stopped after publick service, & a Letter read from the Chh of Christ in Tyngsborough, requesting our Presence & Assistance in the Ordination of Mr Nathaniel Laurence -- Voted to Send- Genll Brown, Col Bryant, & Dean Emerson, Delegates.

Persons admitted into the Church 1789.

Jan 4	Joseph Bryant
Ap 5	William Wilson
Aug 16	Wid: Mary Bacheller
Sept 27	Sarah, Wife of Capt John Goodwin.

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June 12 1908.

6 Voted, that this Club will not respond to any invitation or Conference of any kind, as a Corporation of Members of this Club, but that a Special Committee of three be appointed, to be selected by Electing the Chairman.

7 Voted, that it be the feeling of the Club, that the Interference on the Golden Gate Bridge, during Summer, be one hour & a half, the Committee to use Discretion.

Entrance admission into the Course 1908.

July	12	Miss Alice Brown
Aug	23	Edwin Brown,
Oct	12	Elsie Mills Hall
		Dr Hilton Stevens
		Percy Hilton
Sep	19	Dorothy Lee
		Gladys Pratt
		Delphine Gilmore
Oct	7	Bruce Dunsmore

1909.

May 1 1909.

The Club has changed after quarter century, the Style of Starting Events and Discarded the use of Cards in Preliminaries.

Feb 20 1909.

The Club has stopped after quarter century, a Custom that from the end of Civil Rebellion, regarding the Star Trophies & Starting in the Afternoon of Holidays, Sundays, or Prior to Trophy- Cards Events, All Trophy & Open Events, Starting.

Entrance admission into the Course 1909.

Jan	6	Irving Brown
Feb	3	Willard Hilton
Aug	10	Mrs. Alva Gerstle
Sept	21	Bessie Mills & Ogle Allen Dunsmuir.

1790

June 6 1790

The Chh was Stopped after publick Service, & a Letter read from the third Chh of Christ in this town requesting our Presence & Assistance in the Ordination of Mr Peter Sanborn-- Voted to Send.--
Brigadier Brown Delegate.

Aug 2 1790

At a regular Chh Meeting, Mr Ebenezer Hopkins was elected a Deacon, he accepted the Office & w as desired to take his Seat & officiate--- Voted

That the Pastor give a general Invitation, on Sabbath-Communions, to all Members of other Christian Chhes, in regular Standing, who may be present, to join with us in the Celebration of the Lord's Supper-- Voted

That the Communicants be desired, at the Communion-Service, to draw near to the Table & Seat themselves, in the Centre of the Meeting-house-- Voted

That the Deacons Sell the old Pewter Utensils, & put the Money into the Chh Treasury-- Voted.

That Mr Jona Pool be a Trustee to the Legacy of Deacon Parker.

Persons admitted into the Church 1790.

Aug	1	Nathaniel Cowdry Junr &
		Jerusha his Wife
		Rebecca, Wife of Oliver Walton
		Phebe Walton
Oct	31	Amos Bordman &
		Mary his Wife.

Persons admitted into the Church 1791.

Ap	3	Ebenezer Smith
Ap	17	Lydia, Wife of Joseph Hill
June	5	Abigail, Wife of James Oliver
Sept	4	Widow Ruth Walton
Sept	18	Joseph Emerson
		Thomas Emerson &
		Elizabeth his Wife.

1792

Sept 24 1792.

At a regular Meeting of the Chh, the following Votes were passed, viz:

1 That Capt Nathll Cowdrey & Mr Thomas Parker Junr be Trustees to the Legacy of Deacon Parker.

2 That the Deacons of the Chh, together with the Trustees to the above mentioned Legacy, be a Standing Committee, to take Care of the pecuniary Interest of the Chh.

3 That Capt Cowdrey & Thomas Parker Junr be directed, to purchase another Flagon, for the Use of the Communion Table.

Persons admitted into the Church 1792.

Jan 15	Ebenezer Parker & Lucretia his Wife	Expelled
April 15	Tamesin Upham	
July 15	Phebe, Wife of Elias Emerson Dismissed to Chh in Bolton.	

1793

May 19 1793.

The Chh was Stopped after Communion & Sarah, Wife of Jacob Upham was dismissed & recommended to the first Chh of Christ, in Amherst, N Hampshire.

June 15 1793.

The Chh was Stopped after Communion & Thomas Brown was dismissed & recommended to the Chh of Christ in Charlestown.

Sept 29 1793.

The Chh was Stopped after Communion & William Wilson & Mary his Wife were dismissed & recommended to the Chh of Christ in Littleton-- A Letter was read from the Chh of Christ in Middleton requesting our assistance in ye Ordination of Mr Solomon Adams, Voted to Send-- Mr Ebenezer Smith & Thomas Parker Delegates.

1794

Mar 23 1794.

The Chh was Stopped after the publick service & Thomas Davis was dismissed & recommended to the Chh of Christ in Reading, State of Vermont.

Persons admitted into the Church 1794.

Mar	2	Jeremiah Bryant Junr & Mary his Wife.
Ap	20	Phebe Wife of Thomas Richardson
July	13	Lille Eaton
		John Sweetser & dismissed from the
		Elizabeth his Wife. 2nd Chh in Lynn
July	20	Jeremiah Hartshorn & Margaret his Wife
		Oliver Swain & Mary his Wife
Aug	3	Mary, Wife of Thomas Miles
		Sally, Wife of Nathaniel Wiley Junr.

1795

May 14 1795

At a regular Chh Meeting, Voted,

1 That the Interest of the Chh Money, (not appropriated to the poor) be appropriated to supply the Lord's Table & that there be no more Contributions at Communion.

2 That the Communion be omitted the three Winter Months.

June 14 1795

The Chh was stopped after the publick service by Dr Barnard & a Letter read from the Chh of Wilmington, requesting our Assistance in the Ordination of Mr Free-grace Raynolds- Voted to send, Deacons Brown & Hopkins & Mr Thomas Parker--- Delegates.

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1795

Sept 13 1795

The Chh was stopped after the publick service, & a Letter read from the Chh of Christ in Malden, requesting our Assistance in the Ordination of Mr Aaron Green-- Voted to send-- Deacons Brown & Hopkins delegates.

Oct 11 1795.

The Chh was stopped after the publick worship & a second Letter was read from the Chh of Christ in Wilmington again requesting, that we would join with the same Council which sat at Wilming- June 17th & 18th, in Order to settle Mr Reynolds, Unanimously voted, Not to send.

A Letter was also read from the Chh of Christ in Stoneham, requesting our Assistance in the Instalment of Mr John H Stevens-- Voted to send--,
Deacon Brown & Capt Cowdry-- Delegates.

Persons admitted into the Church 1795.

May 17 Mary, Wife of Thomas Emerson.
Aug 23 Lydia Wife of Nathan Eaton Dismissed.

1796

Ap 25 1796.

At a regular Meeting of the Chh, Mr Thomas Parker & Mr Oliver Swain were elected Deacons---.

John Pratt was dismissed & recommended to the Chh of Christ in New Ipswich -

Meeting adjourned to the Lecture in June.

June 16 1796.

After the publick Lecture the Chh met according to adjournment, Mr Thomas Parker & Mr Oliver Swain accepted of the Office of Deacons--- Mr James Hartshorn was chosen a Trustee to the Legacy of Deacon Parker-- The Chh voted, To drop the practise of the Deacons reading between the Lines of singing at the Communion Service.

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1796

Persons admitted into the Church 1796.

Dec	18	Samuel Wesson & Mehetabel his Wife.	Dismissed

1797

Jan 30 1797.

The Chh was stopped, after publick Service, & a Letter read from the Chh of Christ in Cohasset, requesting our Assistance in the Ordination of Mr Jacob Flint; Voted to send--- Major Amos Bordman, & Deacons Thomas Parker & Oliver Swain, Delegates.

Persons admitted into the Church 1797.

Oct	8	Betsey, Wife of Thomas Swain

1798

Sept 16 1798.

Stopped the Chh after publick worship, & read a Letter from the first Chh of Christ in Woburn, requesting our advice in Council with other Chhes, on account of a dissatisfaction with their Minister, s ubsisting in their society, voted to send- Deacons Brown & Parker, Delegates.

Persons admitted into the Church 1798.

Jan	7	Hannah, Wife of Enoch Stocker
		Pamela Prentiss
		Sophia Prentiss
Jan	14	Patty, Wife of Abiel Brown
Feb	11	Benjamin Swain & Ruth his wife
Feb	18	Phebe Perkins, A Black
May	13	Jeremiah Bryant
July	1	Elisha Tottingham
Sept	2	Thomas Bryant & Anna his Wife
Sept	16	Esther, Wife of William Johnson
		Ruthe, Wife of William Johnson Junr
Oct	21	Phineas Parker

1720

Persons admitted into the Church 1720.

Dec. 12 Daniel Easton & Affirmed
Joseph Hall Exrs.

1721

Jan 10 1721.

The Com mee ting was, after Publick Service, & a Lecture
read from the 6th ch. of Genesis in Course, Adjourned ove
Publickly in the Meetinghouse to be held (God) Willing
to morrow— Mr. Wm Cookson, & Jonathan Dickey
Pitman & Clifton Willing, Delegates.

Persons admitted into the Church 1721.

Oct. 8 Jonas, Negro of Jonas Davis

1722

Sept 14 1722.

Whereas the Rev. Mr. Samuel Hemphill & Jacob Henderson
Esqrs. the Com. of Chester in Penna. Concerning the
Publick Meeting House Lately Erected in Said Chester
by Said Hemphill & Others, Delegates.

Persons admitted into the Church 1722.

Jan 7 Jonas, Negro of Jno & Elinor.
Feb 11 Peter, Negro of Jno & Elinor.
Jan. 14 Peter, Negro of Israel Brown
Feb 11 Penjamin Swain &
Mary his wife
Feb 18 Esther Preston, a slave
Mch 11 Jeremiah Brown
July 1 Elijah Pollington
Sept. 9 Thomas Wilson &
Jane his Wife.
Sept 12 Esther, Wife of William Jones
& Jane, Wife of William Jones Junr
Oct. 14 Primus Brown

1799

Feb. 3 1799.

The Chh was stopped, after the publick service, & a Letter read from the Chh of Christ in Seabrook, New Hampshire requesting our Assistance in the Ordination of Mr. Elias Hull; Voted to Send- Deacon Thomas Parker & John Sweetser Delegates.

Feb. 24 1799

The Chh was stopped after the publick service, & a Letter read from the Chh of Christ in Sharon, requesting our Assistance in the Ordination of Mr. Jonathan Whitaker- Voted to send- Mr. John Sweetser & Mr. James Hartshorn- Delegates-

Aug. 1799

At a regular Chh-Meeting, after Lecture, Deacon Parker was chosen Treasurer of the Chh, in the place of Deacon Brown, resigned- Thanks voted to Deacon Brown for his services- Thomas Swain chosen Trustee to Deacon Parker's Legacy in the place of Capt Cowdry.

Persons admitted into the Church 1799.

Ap. Widow Martha Parker
Widow Molly Parker

June 9 Thomas Swain
June 23 Herbert Richardson
Nov. 10 Dr. John Hay & Sarah his Wife.) dismissed from the Chh. in Woburn
Dec. 8 Mary Wife of Herbert Richarson

1800

Feb. 16 1800

The Chh was stopped after publick worship & William Wiley & Hannah his wife were dismissed & recommended to the Chh of Christ in Charlestown- Also, Dr. Charles Hay was dismissed & recommended to the Chh of Christ in Waterford, in the District of Maine.

Persons admitted into the Church 1800.

Mar. 30	Joseph Cordis, Esqr.
June 15	Hannah, Wife of Joseph Stickney Tyler.

1801

Mar. 8 1801

The Chh was stopped after the publick service & a letter read from the Chh in the third precinct in Brookfield, requesting our assistance in the ordination of Mr. Micah Stone- Voted to send - Mr. Lille Eaton Delegate.

Persons admitted into the Church 1801

Nov. 1	Fanny, Wife of James Burditt.

Persons admitted into the Church 1802

May 2	Sally, Wife of Joel Merril
	Rebecca, Wife of James Gould
Aug. 8	Stephen Russell &
	Nancy his wife.

1803

Sept. 4 1803.

The chh was stopped after publick service. Deacon Thomas Parker Moderator.

Voted there should be a fast of humiliation & prayer to supplicate divine aid & direction in our destitute situation for the Re-Settlement of the Gospel and to see whether the Parish would concurr with the chh, in so doing.

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1803

Sept. 11th 1803.

The chh, was stopped after Public service, the chh, proceeded to the choice of a Deacon, Mr. James Hartshorn was elected. Thos. Swain elected clark,

Deacons, Thos. Parker James Hartshorn & Thos Swain chosen as a committee to examine candidates that should offer themselves for Members of the chh, and if they should give their committee satisfaction, should be propounded, and receive the covanant, by some ordained Minister.

Tho. Parker Moderator.

Oct. 6 1803

A fast was held in this chh, & congregation Mr. Eliab Stone, Officiated in the forenoon and preached from Math. 9c 38v . Mr. Mottey in the afternoon from Rev: 21c : 22v.

Oct. 9 1803

The chh stopped after Public service, and Voted Dr. John Hay should be added to the Committee, to take care the chhs property.

Persons admitted into the Church 1803.

June 13	Mr. James Nichols	(Dismissed from the North chh in Salem & recommended to this
Sept 25	Lois Pope the Wife of Oliver Pope.	
Nov. 20	John Gould & Molly his Wife	
	Admitted in Mr. Prentises Day	

1804

June 24th 1804

The chh was stopped after Public service, and voted their should be a chh Meeting on Thursday following at 5 O clock P. M. for the purpose of giving Mr. Reuben Emerson a call to settle in the ministry in this place.

June 28 1804

A Meeting of the first church of Christ in Reading, Assembled agreeable to to Appointment. The Revd Jos. Mottey Lynnfield Moderator.

After supplicating the throne of divine Grace for aid & direction. The chh Voted to give Mr. Reuben Emerson a call, to take the charge & oversight of the chh in this place. Yeas 16, Nays, 4.

Voted, Thos. Swain should present the doing of the chh, to Mr. Emerson.

Thos. Swain (Clerk for
(said church.

Sept. 23 1804.

The church met agreeable to Appointment and by request of the moderator Mr. Emerson our Pastor elect opened the Meeting by Prayer James Hartshorn Moderator Thos. Swain clerk.

Members Present.

Deacen James Hartsorn	James Wiley
Jos. Cordis	Jerrh Bryant
James Nichols	Joh Hartshorn
Phinehas Parker	Benj. Swain
Amos Bordman	Thos. Bryant
John Gould	Thos. Swain

The church then voted to send to the following churches for Assistance in the installation of Mr. Emerson)viz(

The 1 chh in Westminister Vermont Mr. Seage .
chh in Keen Mr. Hall.
church New Ipswich Mr. Farrar.
Tabernacle chh. in Salem Mr. Worster.

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1804

Sept. 23 1804.

2 chh. in Reading	Mr. Stone.
3 chh. in do	Mr. Sanborn.
chh in Lynnfield	Mr. Mottey.
chh in Malden	Mr. Green.
chh in Stoneham	Mr. Stevens.
chh in Woburn	Mr. Chickering.

The chh Voted to choose a committee to wait on the Counsel and lay before them the proceedings of the chh. and, likewise, the same committee to write to the several churches and request their assistance in the installment of Mr. Reuben Emerson, the committee as follows)viz(

) Deacon James Hartshorn
) Amos Bordman
) John Gould

Sept. 9 1804 Reading.

Agreeable to the call of the church & Parish Mr. Emerson gave his answer in the Affirmitive.

The installation of Mr. Emerson took place, agreeable to the vote of the Parish, which expressed their wish, & which coincided with the consent of the Pastor elect, Oct. 17 1804 by the assistance of eight churches; two of the Chhs sent to, viz, Newipswich & Keene, did not send their aid.

Dec. 20 1804

At a Chh meeting regularly warned, Voted, nem. con. that there be a stated chh, meeting monthly, the frydays preceeding the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

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Persons admitted into the Church 1804

Nov. 18 Persis Emerson Consort of Reuben Emerson Pastor, by letter from the 2nd Chh. of Christ in Westminister, Vt.

Dec. 23d Jere Brown
Benjn Emerson &
Elizabeth his wife.
Aaron Cowdry &
Betsy his wife.
Elizabeth Peters, wife of Saml. Peters.
Polly F. Walton
Lucy Eaton
Aaron Briant
Wm. Emerson & Louis his wife. Dismissed Recd by letter.
Lucy Hartshorn
Sally Wiley and
Wm. Williams.

1805

Mar. 15 1805.

Voted that the Chh-committee make a discretionary assessment upon the members of the Chh to fill up the deficiency of the interest of their money in supplying the Lord's table, the ensuing year; &, also, to refund to Dean Parker what he has expended of his own private property in furnishing the table in time past; & make report at their next monthly meeting.

April 4 1805.

The Chh tarried after publick services were ended it being State fast,-- I read a letter missive from the 3d Chh of Christ in Salem, requesting our assistance in the ordination of Mr. Brown Emerson as colleague Pastor. Voted to send Dean James Hartshorn.

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1805

June 13 1805

It being lecture, the Chh tarried after the close of publick worship, & at the request of Mr. Herbert Richardson,

Voted to grant a dismission to him & his wife, & recommendation to the Chh of Christ in Lynnfield.

Persons admitted into the Church 1805.

March 17	Daniel Sweetser & Louis his wife	(Dismissed from (Lynnfield

1806

March 16 1806.

Voted to admit Peter B. Emerson a member of our body in full communion.

April 20 1806.

Voted to admit Mr. James Dix, a member of our religious body, in full communion.

Persons admitted into the Church 1806.

March 16	Peter Buckley Emerson.	Ex.
April 20	James Dix.	Ex com
June 15	Mr. Saml. Evans	(Dismissed from
	Miss Lois Evans.	((the Chh of Christ
	Ruth Evans.	(in Stoneham.

1807

July 16 1807.

Lecture: Chh stopped after the blessing, & voted, that Mr Saml Weston & Mehetabel his wife should, agreeably to their request, be dismissed from this Chh, & recommended to the 2d Chh of Christ in Rowley.

Nov 1 1807.

Voted that Mr Nathl Emerson & Mercy his wife be, agreeably to their request, dismissed from this Chh & recommended to the Chh of Christ in Amherst, N. H.

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1908

June 22 1908

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[illegible], & we the [illegible] of Mr. [illegible].

Voted by [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

1909

March 15 1909.

Voted to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
to [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] to [illegible].

Voted by [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], to [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
June 12 [illegible]

1907

July 15 1907.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
By [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Nov 1 1907.

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Nov 1 1807.

Chh stopped after a public exercise, and Voted to send their pastor & a delegate to Brantree, to assist, agreeably to the request of the Chh of Christ in that place, in the installation of the Rev S Sage as their junior pastor.

1808

March 6 1808.

The chh stopped after public worship was ended for the day, in consequence of a request of brother James Dix to be dismissed from the Chh & Voted to hold a meeting upon the subject Thursday 17 same month.

March 17 1808.

Chh met according to appointment, the meeting was opened by prayer, & the chh proceeded to enquire of brother Dix the reason of his request, which request was indeed verbal, through the medium of the pastor--- This reason was that the Chh was not built up in the order of the Gospel. Baptism in infancy was not valid, nor was baptism valid at all in any other mode than immersion. Thus, he,

His request now appeared to be a dismission from this Chh with a recommendation to a baptist Chh hard by.-- After very considerable free conversation between the brethren & him, he was requested to state as intelligibly as possible the ground of his reason, being told, at the same time, that provided he could produce from the word of God, in support of his present sentiments, command, example or fair inference, his reason would appear well-grounded, otherwise not.

The Chh, did not consider or believe that either of these was produced. Therfore after due consideration. Voted They could not grant his request. The vote was unanimous, & grounded upon the impropriety of dismissing a member from us & recommending him to a body of professed believers in Christ, who utterly disregard & contemn all we do as a Chh, & all our most solemn covenants. And, as we apprehend, are a body of people, who presumptuously take it upon them to repeal or disanul a possitive institution of Jehovah.

May 1 1927.

Can anything after 5 really happen, and Jenny is just there waiting & waiting for Dominic, or Dominic, having got it & promised to the Con & Lucia for 5 o'clock, is also waiting for the 5 to strike & then to run?

June

March 6 1927.

The new morning after feeling coming, and maybe the new day, the beginning of a journey or perhaps always like to be finished [illegible] and a thing to [illegible] about the evening [illegible]

March 12 1927.

[illegible] the morning is [illegible] the evening and [illegible] of the evening, in the morning to be [illegible] the evening, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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March 17 1808.

We therefore think it duty to continue our watch over him, according to our covenant vows.

April 14 1808.

The Chh met according to previous appointment, & took under consideration the expediency of obtaining a new flaggon, with the help of the old one, & some other property of the Chh. Voted.

That the deacons be a committee to make inquiry what can best be done in the affair, & make report at some future meeting. The Chh at the same meeting expressed their minds that the sisters have right to hear in Chh meetings.

Towards the close of this meeting, Brother Amos Bordman brought a charge before the Chh against brother Jereh Hartshorn, in a letter superscribed to the Pastor; which letter follows:

Reading April 13, 1808.

To the first Chh of Christ in said town.

Being a member of said Church, & having my character struck at either to defame or destroy it (in my opinion) by brother Jereh Hartshorn sometime since, have applied to him as directed for an adviss of grievance, but received no satisfaction, then took a brother with me to him, still received no satisfaction, I now tell it unto the Chh praying you to take such order on it as you in your widdom shall think proper leaving myself with all my imperfections to your charitable feelings whilst on earth, after which may we all appear, clad in the robe of the Saviour of the world, & all animosities shall cease.

Amos Bordman.

After the foregoing letter was read, & many angry things were said on both sides, some, on one, many, & the Chh being in a confused state, & the day well nigh spent, the meeting was dissolved, being motioned & seconded some time before the vote was tried.

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Article 17 [illegible].

[illegible]

Article 18 [illegible].

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Article 19 [illegible].

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June 12 1808.

The Chh, by request tarried a while after public service closed, took into consideration whether they would appoint a meeting to attend to the charge brought by brother Bordman against brother Hartshorn. Voted.

To meet for that purpose, immediately after the public Lecture, the next Thursday, in the house of God.

June 16 1808 Thursday.

The Chh met according to previous appointment. But, the meeting not being generally attended, it was wished, by a number of the brethren, that the meeting might be adjourned for the sake of greater numbers. After many things were said to persuade the parties to an amicable settlement, & to no purpose, Voted.

To adjourn till the next Wednesday 4 O'Clock, P. M.

June 22d 1808 Wednesday.

Chh met according to adjournment.

Overtures were made for the adjustment of the difficulty, but to no effect. The Complainant not having his evidences, the Chh appointed a committee of three Viz. Brother John Gould, brother Jereh Briant, & Dean Thos Parker, to look into the affair, endeavor to settle it, (such was the complexion of the charge,) & report progress at the next adjourned meeting, at which time it is hoped it will be settled. Voted.

To adjourn this meeting to this day, fortnight, 5 P. M.

July 6 1808 Wednesday.

Chh met according to adjournment.

Voted to proceed to business.

The chairman of the committee was called upon to report progress. The report was, That, one of the committee declining to have anything to do with the business allotted him, the other two also declined; but gave notice to the parties to be in readiness to settle by a hearing of the Chh.

time is long.

The Con. by request invited a city clerk until evening
his [illegible] time [illegible] [illegible]
a meeting to attend to the [illegible] of the
Supreme Against Decision [illegible]. Voted.

It was[illegible] the next meeting, Councilman [illegible]
Secretary, the next Thursday, in the Town of [illegible].

Time is Long Thereon.

The Con. was [illegible] [illegible], the
meeting was fully attended, [illegible]
a quorum of the Council, but the meeting could be
[illegible] for the time [illegible]. After many
things were said it [illegible] the meeting [illegible]
[illegible] to be an [illegible] Town.

It [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Town [illegible]

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[illegible]

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July 6 1808 Wednesday.

The complainant was then called upon to exhibit evidence of the charge. When this exhibition of evidence was made, the defendant had opportunity to speak in his own behalf. This done, the parties, by request of the Chh, withdrew; when the question was put, Is the charge supported? After a suitable time in consultation & deliberation, the Church, in perfect unanimity, came to the following Result.

1. That the charge is not fully supported.

2. That, from the light we can obtain, brother Jeremiah Hartshorn, in the affair of the dead march being beat by Col A. Bordman's, upon his being suspended in office, was imprudent; we disapprove his conduct in that affair, & exhort him to refrain from such inadvertent steps, in future. And,

3. That the charge not being fully supported, it is our opinion it had been better if it had not been brought before the Chh; but, otherwise settled, or buried in oblivion.

Voted, That the parties be called in, & the above result be read to them.

This being done, the meeting was shortly desolved, by VOTE of the Chh.

1809

March 17 1809.

At a regular chh-meeting, March 17th 1809. Sister Polly, F. Putnam came before the chh & made a confession of the sin of incontinance before marriage, which was unanimously accepted. Of course she was by Vote unanimous, restored.

2. Voted that there be an annual contribution, at our May communion to make up the deficiency of money for the support of the Table; about 7 or 8 dollars being wanted, beside the interest of the donation, yearly. Notice to be given of it the communion before that in May.

3. Voted to sell the old silver cups, esteemed

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[illegible]

[illegible]

1. [illegible]

2. [illegible]

3. [illegible]

4. [illegible]

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March 17 1809.

3. useless in their present state, & the old flaggon, & buy a pair of new flaggons; the business to be transacted by the Deacons.

Oct 8 1809.

The Chh, by request of a number of the brethren, was stopped, after the services, and Voted, with only three exceptions, that the next Tuesday, secnnt, afternoon & evening, they will set apart for fasting & prayer, on account of the prevalence of error & wickedness.

Nov 10 1809.

The Chh. met agreeably to previous notification. After prayer they

Voted to hear communications. One out of the 20 present, viz. brother J. Cordis Esqr, wished to be recorded as not in favor of the meeting, of course not in favor of such communication as was proposed to be made. But the following letter of charge was soon read. Viz.

Reading, 8. Nov. 1809.

To the first Chh of Christ in Sd town, greeting,

Whereas, on the 17th Day of Septr, 1809 being our communion Sabbath, brother Amos Bordman absented himself , & introduced at evening, into our sanctuary a preacher of universal salvation, a doctrine contrary to that, which this Church profess to receive from Christ; & whereas I view such conduct disorderly walk, wounding to religion, as injurious to the Chh, I am agrieved & offended: And having taken the two first steps as directed in Matt. 18: having told him his fault of walking disorderly, as above named, & obtained no satisfaction; & having taken with me one or two more, & in their presence labored the matter, & still obtained no satisfaction, I now tell it to the Chh; freely submitting the charge of walking disorderly in the respects named in this letter, to their united wisdom & decision. Wishing grace, mercy & peace may be multiplied in this, & all the Churches of our Lord, Jesus Christ, I subscribe myself your brother in covenant.

James Hartshorn.

True copy, attest,
R. Emerson.

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Nov 10 1809.

The offending brother acknowledged that the articles upon which the offended grounded the charge of disorderly walk, were true. At the same time said he did not do those things upon a communion sabbath because it was a communion sabbath, but because of previous engagements. But brother Bordman denies the charge, viz, that he is guilty of disorderly walk. The question before theChh was, then, singly this, whether those steps taken by brother Bordman, as mentioned in the letter of charge, are, in the view of the Chh disorderly walk?

After much was said, & night coming on, & wishing to be free from the imputation of rashness & inconsideration,

Voted to adjourn this meeting to next Wednesday, 3. P. M. precisely; nem. con.

Nov 15 1809 Wednesday.

The Chh met according to adjournment, when the doings of the preceeding meeting were read.

The question, which was considered as demanding the next attention of the Chh was presented: viz.

Do the Chh agree with brother Hartshorn in the charge he has presented & freely submitted to their united wisdom & decision?

After much conversation had, & the brethren willing to use all the forbearance, & express all the brotherly kindness, which reason & revelation require, desired that a committee might be chosen to labor with him before they sanctioned the charge, if possible to gain a brother. Accordingly they chose a committee of five to do the labor. The following were chosen;

Dea Thos Parker Brother Saml Evans
Brother Jerh Brown Brother John Gould
Brother Nathl Cowdry

to make their report the next meeting, viz the first monday Dec next, 2 P. M. to which this was adjourned.

[illegible] to [illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible]

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1809

The Chh met according to previous adjournment.

1 Voted that the records of the two preceeding meetings be read.

2 Voted to hear the report of their committee.

The foreman of the committee Dean Parker refusing to have any thing to do with it, Brother Saml Evans being chairman.

Reported,
that brother A. Bordman gave them no satisfaction, manifesting the same disposition as before, & persisted in saying he was not to blame in the affair, which laid the foundation of the charge.

The question, which had been put before, was again presented for decision; Viz. Do the chh accord with brother Hartshorn in pronouncing the walk of brother Bordman disorderly ?

3. Voted to express their minds by hand vote.

4. Voted that the charge is just & true.

There were 21 for, & 2 against. One of these two is recorded, by his public request, an opposer of the whole business of these chh-meetings.

Having sanctioned the charge, & Brother A. Bordman being thus under the censure of the Chh, it behoved them to deal with him as with an offending brother, against whom the charge disorderly walk was, in their view, supported. They must now, as a body, in the spirit of meekness, in some way, administer admonition to the offender, that, if possible, he may be prevailed upon to hear the Chh. The method of admonition they chose, was by a committee.

Accordingly they chose the following Brethren in the following order. Viz

Brothers Jereh Brown,
John Gould,
Benj. Swain,
Lilly Eaton, &
Aaron Cowdry.

5 Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in Jan. next, 2 P. M. at the meeting house. Adjourned.

the Con gee according to existing ordinances.

2. Fence gate and posts of the old pressurizing machine to remain.

3. Adding to west two rooms or their equivalent.

The removal of the existing open fence enclosing to west and south to obtain 10' minimum open space.

Estimate:

Two coats of white [illegible] the same [illegible] on exterior, including the [illegible] to be done in the winter, extra for the [illegible] of the [illegible].

The [illegible], moulding and [illegible], new [illegible] opening for [illegible] via the [illegible] existing [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Wiring to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

1. Wiring to existing [illegible] [illegible].

2. Three [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Three [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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1809

Persons admitted into the Church 1809

Sept. 17 Michael Cross.

1810

Jan. 1. 1810.

The Chh. met according to previous adjournment.

After the records of the last meeting were read, the Chh

Voted 1. That they were ready to hear the report of their Committee; who there-upon reported that they had labored with the offender, & obtained no satisfaction, he retaining his former opposition towards making any acknowledgement .

2. That they wish no record to be made of the report of the committee but such as relates to the business for which they were appointed.

3. That the second admonition be administered by letter.

4. That a committee of three be chosen to address a letter of admonition, in the name of the Chh, to the offending brother.

They, then made choice of the following members for the above committee. Viz.

(Reuben Emerson)
(Br. Thos. Swain)
(Br. John Sweetser)

The chh. then voted to adjourn the then present meeting to the first monday in Feb. next, 2 P. M.

Adjourned.

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Persons testifying upon the Petition (Cont.)

Capt. E. Mitchell Cohen.

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Tim. L. Davis.

Tim Dun. Was recording to previous appointment.

After the recess, the hearing was duly resumed, Mr. Cohen

Order ... Each party shall be given the right of final Cross-Examination. Mr. Thompson requested that Capt. Cohen [illegible] which [illegible] be submitted in writing. [illegible] Thompson submitted [illegible] Cohen.

1. There was also to present an opinion of the weight of the evidence [illegible] in the hearing.

2. That the evidence indicates by almost [illegible] of Mr. Jackson.

3. That a majority of Cities do object to [illegible] of Cities to [illegible] of the City, by the attorney [illegible]

Mayor, thereupon entered of the following [illegible] the [illegible] Petition, viz.

[illegible]

The Mayor then moved to adjourn the Open Session until [illegible] Tuesday in Feb. next, 9 P. M.

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1810

Letter of 2d admonition.

Reading 10 Jan. 1810.

Brother Amos Bordman, Sir,

Being appointed by the first Chh. of Christ in this town to address, in their name, by writing, their 2d admonition to you for disorderly walk, we will undertake to address you according to appointment, with a spirit of meekness & brotherly affection, praying God to grant us a suitable spirit to admonish, & you a suitable one to receive our admonition.

The Chh, brother, almost unanimously believe your walk, as pointed out in the letter of charge, to be disorderly. True it is that sometimes a large majority may be in the wrong. But, sir, they are not always so, nor are they generally so. Whenever they are, there are certain, incidental circumstances, which do not usually exist. This Chh. brother, is not composed of fanatics & enthusiasts. Their uniform sobriety & prepensity to deliberation render it altogether improbable that in this affair nine tenths of them should be in the wrong, & you only in the right. Why will not this circumstance convince you, if nothing else will, that you may be wrong, & thus induce you to ponder upon your conduct? You must be convinced by the forbearance of the Chh, by their tender & affectionate labors with you, that they heartily desire your repentance & reformation.

The Chh verily believe your conduct, which indeed, is much according to the articles of your present faith, but which they think contrary to the doctrine of Christ, we say, they believe your conduct tends to subvert the order of Christ's house, by the introduction of gross error, & its legitimate offspring, irreligion.

We, therefore, in the name, & by authority of the Chh, & of Christ their head, exhort you to think on your ways, & turn your feet into the testimonies of God. You have gone out of the right, into the wrong, the dangerous way, which leads into inexpressible evils. With the bowels of mercies, forbearance, & brotherly affection, we admonish you of your wrong,-- of the evil you have done, or which your conduct has a tendency to affect to the Chh with which you are in covenant; & what is more, to the holy religion of Jesus, which you profess.

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Jan. 10 1810

Should the erroneous sentiments, which you profess to have imbibed be reduced to general practice among men, as you have begun to reduce them to practice, our most sacred ordinances, doctrines, & institutions which we receive from the great head of the Chh, we believe would soon become extinct; morality would die with religion which is its life,-- confusion, anarchy & every evil work would take the place of good order, rule & integrity in the civil department. We cannot, therefore, but urge the admonition. Be intreated to repent of your misconduct, to turn from your evil way, & exhibit godly sorrow, which worketh repentance unto life, not to be repented of & God, & the Chh will forgive you.

It is the part of a christain to confess his faults to his brethren, as also to his God; & it is divine to forgive. While we express the readiness of the Chh to forgive you, upon your exhibiting that repentance, which the gospel requires, we assure you that the Chh are attached to the order of Christ's house, that they will abide the consequences of standing fast & holding the traditions, which they have received of Christ & his apostles,-- earnestly contending for the faith, which was once delivered to the saints. 2 Thess. 2 Jude.

Hear us, O brother, hear us, in this orderly, this brotherly admonition, this kind remonstrance, this christian exhortation. If the love of Christ & the brotherhood will not, let the terrors of the Lord persuade you speedily to become reconciled to your offended brethren. Be assured, it is from no other motives than those excited by the first & second table of the divine law- that this friendly epistle is addressed to you.

When the mouths of almost all your brethren in covenant are open to you in this second, christian admonition, can you not see some cause to look about you, to humble yourself before God & them, that you may receive forgiveness from both? We speak forth the words of truth & soberness. How can you resist the united call of the Chh. in her repeated admonitions & intreaties? Why <u>will</u> you resist them? They call in sincerity.

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It is, as we humbly conceive, equally for your good, as for the good of the Chh that you confess your faults to your brethren. They are solemn. You have engaged to walk with this Chh. Your engagement to walk in fellowship with this congregational Chh, was voluntary.

You have, moreover, vowed to the Lord, as well as to men. To his bar you are amenable. This you confess. As a voluntary member of this Chh, you should feel your accountability to her. To his Chh Christ has given the keys of his kingdom be entreated to remember, that whatsoever they bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven, & whatsoever they shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. It is no small thing to be addressed in this solemn manner, in the name of that body of which Christ is the head, & His name, whose holy religion they profess.

Brother, you must be sensible, that, in proportion as we regard the honor & order of Christ's house will be the urgency of our intreaties, & the unweariedness of our exertions to promote the same.

We feel aggrieved in view of your past obstinacy in addition to your misdemeanor prior to a former admonition. You have given us fresh occasions of grief. We beseech you in the name of the body of Christ, give us no more occasion of grief. Give us no occasion of proceeding beyond the 2d admonition. It is now in your power to repare the breech you have made, to prevent further process. The evil of sin is great; & as we are commanded not to suffer it upon a brother so we admonish you of it & beseech you to return to God, & to the Church.

Forget not your accountability to God, as well as to the Chh. Before his impartial bar must you & we soon appear, & individually answer for our conduct. Then will the secrets of all hearts be revealed, & we shall be judged according to the character we shall then be found to sustain. While to them, who, by patient continuance in well doing, seek for glory, honor & immortality, he will render eternal life; to those who are contentious & obey not the truth, but obey unrighteousness, he will render indignation & wrath, tribulation & anguish. Rom. 2

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Jan 10 1810

Our prayers accompany this epistle for its success.

May that God in whose hand your life is, incline your heart to that only which is right, your understanding to the truth alone, & your feet to the path of wisdom.

Signed in the name & behalf of the Chh.

Reuben Emerson)
Thomas Swain) Chh Committee.
John Sweetser)

True coppy, attest,

Reuben Emerson

Feb 5 1810.

The Chh met according to previous adjournment.

After the doings of the preceeding meeting were read, the Church

Voted 1 That their committee make their report: When their foregoing letter of second admonition which was their report in substance was read. The Committee furthermore observed they had received no written or verbal reply, from the offending brother, to the letter they sent him in the name of the Chh.

Voted 2 That the Chh are satisfied with the report of their committee.

The offending brother was then told, that if he had any communications to make to the Chh he had liberty so to do, when he cast upon the table the letter herein deposited, addressed to the brethren committee. The * letter was read. But containing no acknowledgement of the substance of the charge, The Chh then,

Voted 3 To take the very important & solemn question whether they will withdraw themselves from brother Bordman, according to 2 Thess. 3.6?

* Letter immediately follows records of the meeting.

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Voted 4 To try the question & decide by hand Vote. Then was the solemn question put.

Voted 5 That they then did withdraw themselves from brother Amos Bordman, in the sense of that text, 2 Thess. 3:6. Which places him in their view as a "heathen & publican". Present, 17 pro 15 con. 2.

Voted 6 That this meeting be disolved.

The meeting was then Dissolved.

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Feb 5 1810.

Today I [illegible] a recipe by Dame [illegible].
[illegible] the [illegible] Pudding Plan.

Today I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible].

Today I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Reading Feb. 5, 1810

Dear brethren,

Concerving it a duty to return an answer to your epistle of admonition, of which, I acknowledge the receipt; I undertake it with some degree of satisfaction; & while my reply will be found plain, simple & expressive of the genuine feelings of my heart, I think it will bear the stamp of candor, charity & Christian meekness & trust.

If I rightly understand the nature & extent of the charge against me, which you say the Chh almost unanimously believe I have incurred, & to which you give the epithet of " disorderly walk," it consists in being instrumental in obtaining a preacher of universalism, to speak publickly in the meeting house, for which purpose, I absented myself from my usual place of worship, on the day of communion. The only reply I can conscientiously make to this, is, that according to prior agreement, it was my lot to bring the person whom I, & others wished to hear, into town, when most convenient for him, of which he was to inform me. This happened to be on our communion day. I did not choose to forfeit my word. I am indeed very sorry it happened on said occasion; as I esteem the sacrament a privilege, which I would not willingly neglect.

But brethren, one thing appears strong to me. The Chh only require that I make concessions for this part of my conduct, while they ask no acknowledgements for my heritical opinions. Here, I ask, is it to be expected that I should be a universalist & not wish to hear the doctrine? (see* at end of letter) The idea is unnatural. Then it follows, that, if I will come forward & declare my sorrow for doing what appears to me right, it will be accepted; tho in the declaration I act the most consummate hypocrisy. Be assured, brethren, I can never lay my hand on my heart, & do this. If I were capable of it, then, indeed, should I deserve the disapprobation of the virtuous & good: then I should merit expulsion from the common circles of society.

However, you, brethren, may view the supposed fatal tendency of the errors of my creed, as rendering extinct " the most sacred ordinances & institutions of the great head of the Chh". I think very differently. I see not but people of this faith maintain good works in their purity. I discover not but they are as zealous for the laws & ordinances of Christ's house as other denominations. I cannot find as they advocate "confusion anarchy, & every evil work" more than others. This I know; that in common with all others, who profess their faith in systems not <u>generally</u> believed; they receive much calumney & reproach.

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And it cannot have escaped your observations, that Christ & the primitive teachers of christianity, were villified as a band of disorganizers, whose object was the destruction of the present religion, & the introduction of immorality. Their principal charge was, " this man receiveth sinners." I am entreated to remember my "covenant vows," in which you say I "have vowed to the Lord, as well as to men." Here, I must be suffered to make a few enquires. Did I ever vow to the Lord or to men, to profess one thing while I believed another? Did I ever vow to remain the fixed adherent to one system of doctrine, while I was convinced of the truth of another? Did I ever vow that I would reject every thing as false, that did not comport with the prevailing opinions of mankind? Did I ever vow that my mind should always resist any light which might arise in greater splendour, than I had then beheld? or was ± , at my first connexion with the Chh indoctrinated into the idea of its infallibility? These are questions of some importance. If considered in the affirmative; we behold a malancholly picture of human infirmity, in which I had dared to say of myself, " Hitherto I will come, but no further." But if answered in the negative, which must be the case; then what covenant vows have I broken? I have, thro evidence brought to my understanding, discovered an extensive, important, & consoling truth, which I have used some means to disseminate among others, by obtaining such as are witnesses in this testimony and of this conduct I desire not to be ashamed. I have not forgotten " my accountability to God," neither do I doubt my accountableness to the Chh, in cases where I know myself to have acted wrong; but in this instance, unconscious as I am of intending or doing any evil, I cannot with propriety & rectitude make confessions.

Whatever, therefore, shall be the result of your deliberations; whatever the decree of the Chh, I shall await it, without too great a degree of anxiety, inasmuch as I feel the present charge against me, to be a matter between God & my own conscience.

While with you, Brethren, I agree, that " this Chh is not composed of fanatics, nor enthusiasts," I still feel sensible, that however "improbable," it is <u>possible</u> "nine tenths" of it may be wrong. But if this "nine tenths" be wholly right, what is to be said of the remaining tenth? It would seem that, even in the church there are some, who indirectly favor my cause.

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But, Brethren is partiality to be suffered in the Chh? Your charge against me, is for leaving the communion but once. Others have left it; & say, plainly they do not mean to attend at present: one of whom, has not attended since the installment of the last minister, does not belong to any other Chh.

I mean not to complain of them. But you are witnesses, this day to the truth of this; yet not anything said. Judge ye.

Be assured, Brethren, that I write this after candid reflection, & due deliberation. The doctrine I have embraced teaches me to harbor no malice, hatred, nor emnity, against any; but to pray, as I earnestly do, for the diffusion of charity, love & truth, untill that Chh, which is his body, who filleth all in all, shall keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, & Zion's watchman see eye to eye.

Your Brother Amos Bordman

To the Church Committee) Reuben Emerson
) Thomas Swain
) John Sweetser

Reading 1st Parish.

* 4 Can it be thought that I should believe that system, & not wish to have others have an opportunity to learn the truth of it?

(The above sentence was unintentionally omitted in the transcription.)

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May 20 1810.

Voted a dismission from this chh. to the first chh of Christ in Sutton, by his request, Mr. Wm. Emerson & Louis his wife.

Sept 13 1810.

Voted to rescinda former vote, which fixed the stated chh-meeting on Friday, day after preparatory lecture, & fix it on Thursday, immediately after the Lecture.

Voted at the same meeting to make an assessment upon the members of money enough to supply the table one year to come besides to pay up the arrearages; & that the business be referred for execution to their committee, omitting such of the poor as they shall think proper in the assessment, & furnish each one not omitted with a ticket, specifying the sum he has to pay.

Persons admitted into the Church 1810.

Apl	15	Polly, wife of Michael Burditt
May	20	Mr. Jos Hopkins & Wife
		Mr John Smith & Lois his wife
		Mr Jona Emerson by Letter from the 3d Chh Reading Excom.
July	15	Mr Jonathan Evans and Mrs Abigail Rayner Dismist to 1 Chh Charlestown.
Sept	16	Widow Mary Smith

1811

March 21 1811.

Voted that no objection against any candidate be brot forward after the fixed Chh -meeting for examination, which is the Thursday before communion; but if any have objections, they shall bring them at, or before said chh-meeting.

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1910

Mar. 21 Lucy.

Voted a resolution that Lucy Cox, in the first one or Chorus L. Stevens, by his request, Mr. Mr. Hampton & Lucy Cox etc.

Sept 12 Will.

Voted by resolution Lucy Cox, which filed by Lucy Cox-Jones to Library, Mr. Miss Dorothy Holmes, & Lily Ly on Thursday, Immediately after the Lecture.

Voted to Lucy Cox Jones to have an attendance upon the Secretary at Library meetings to write up books and to arrange Holidays to pay up the interest, & pay the Librarian Salary for coming to work.

Voted, to Lucy Cox Jones of her to write about Library matter for the Newspaper, & Library with not written also a letter, Secretary the same be done in ex.

Meetings omitted from the records 1910.

Apl 15. Tuesday. Mrs. Ed Elkins' Dorothy
May 21. Mr. Jno Lyon's
Miss
Mr Chas Smith's
Miss Ella Wells
Mr Clem Hampton
Dr Lewis Ives Dr Mrs Thurston Evans.
July 12. Dr Thurston Evans Lec
Mrs Ashley Stephen Library Dr L Cox
Chorus Room.
Sept 14. Miss Mary Smith

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Sworn 21 1911.

Voted that to allow Library any overdrafts that [illegible] write Lucy Cox -Jones for collecting rents in the Building matter recommending her to use have difficulties, they could write them etc. or before said endorsement.

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1811

July 21 1811.

Chh stopped after the blessing. A letter was read, which contained the request of the Chh of Christ in Park Street, Boston for our assistance, by Pastor & delegate, in the installation of Dr Griffin over them as their Pastor.

Voted to send their Pastor, & Dea Thos Parker, in compliance with the request of sd Chh.

Persons admitted into the Church 1811.

March 24	Mary, wife of Dr John Hart.
	Martha, wife of Mr Jona Emerson
	Nancy, wife of Mr John Bordman
	Widow Nancy Hartshorne Dismissed to Methodist Chh; in Salem.
	Lydia Mansfield
	Eunice Evans, Dismissed to Andover.
	Ezekiel Oliver
	James Mitchel Ecom.
April 21	Thos Skinner &
	Mary, his wife
	Matilda Studley

1812

Feb 20 1812.

Church met according to previous appointment, & considered a charge presented against brothers Jos Dix, by brother Aaron Cowdrey, of disorderly walk, which is as follows.

Reading, 19 Feb. 1812.

Beloved brethren,

As brother Jos Dix has forsaken our holy, communion, for a long time past, contrary to his covenant vows, he denies our being a Chh of Christ because not built in gospel order, denies the everlasting covenant of grace in the sense we believe it to be important, & denies the fourth commandment as binding on us, and

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1812

. Reading, 19 Feb. 1812.

practices accordingly, I am aggrieved at such walk. I have told him his fault between him & me alone, & receiving no satisfaction, I took two brethren with me according to the direction of our Saviour, & not obtaining any satisfaction, I now tell it to the Chh, as that, which I think to be disorderly walk. To you, brethren, I submit the trial of the case I have presented, praying that you would take such order upon it as the word of God shall dictate.

Aaron Cowdry, brother

True copy, attest, Reuben Emerson, Clerk.

The Chh then voted to try the question by vote, whether the above charge be valid.

As no defense was made by the brother who is charged & sufficient evidence was presented to the Chh both that the charge was presented in due order, & that the sd brother was guilty. Voted, That the charge be correct.

Also voted that Brothers, Reuben Emerson, Aaron Cowdry, & Aaron Bryant, be a committee to prepare & send to sd brother Dix, in writing, a first admonition.

At the same meeting a charge was presented by brother Jos. Hopkins, against brother Peter B. Emerson, of disorderly walk, which was read, & is as follows;

Reading, 16 Feb. 1812.

Beloved brethren,

Brother Peter B. Emerson has forsaken our holy communion & fellowship for a considerable time, has not joined in any communion with any Chh, we are in fellowship with to our knowledge, & has not rendered us any account of his conduct: therefore, considering the nature of covenant obligations, & considering such conduct disorderly walk; I have accordingly taken the two first steps with him as pointed out in Matt. 18: & not being able to gain him, I now tell it to the Chh, & thus submit, the case to their decision.

Jos. Hopkins, brother.

True copy, attest,
Reuben Emerson, Clerk.

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As the brother charged made no defense, & as the charge was presented in due order, the Chh. having proof of the things of which he was charged, Voted that the charge was valid & supported. And Voted That brothers Jos. Hopkins, Jona. Emerson, & Jerh Brown be a committee to administer, in person, the first admonition to brother P. B. Emerson.

Voted to adjourn the present meeting to the first Thursday of March, next, at 4. P. M. to hear the report of their committees.

Adjourned.

March 1 1812.

Chh. stopped after divine worship, & Voted to recind the above vote of adjournment to Thursday, & postpone the meeting till Friday, next day, at the same hour.

March 6, 1812 Friday.

The chh. met according to appointment. After reading the doings of the preceeding meeting, the Chh. voted to hear the report of their committees. The first were to communicate in writing, & having no other report to make, presented the following letter of admonition.

Reading 5 March 1812.

Dear brother,

We the servants of the Chh. of Christ of which you are a member, beg leave to present a letter of admonition to you in the spirit of meekness & brotherly love, upon the subject of which you stand charged by said Chh. We sincerely deplore the painful circumstance of your havingdegenerated into those errors, into which we find you fallen. Among which errors this is one; to treat with so much inattention, to say the least, the solemn covenant vows, which you have voluntarily made in the presence of God, angels, saints & the world. But perhaps you will say, " A bad promise is better broken than kept." But we admonish you of those errors, which lead you to think your covenant promise a bad one.

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Reading Mar. 5 1812.

Are we not a Chh. of Christ? You say no: We ask you, are there not in our body, christians joined by a religious covenant, who profess, & in some good degree, practice, the great & essential doctrines of Jesus Christ? We are sincere in our faith and practice: This you will not deny. Does not Christ deign to commune with us at his table saying "Eat, O friends, drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved? We believe he does, & we hope you will not dispute it. Christ, then, communes with us at his table. We feel a happy testimony that he does. Will you, brother, turn your back upon that table where your Savious sits, & upon those professors with whom he vouchsafes his presence? If we are not men in understanding, we are willing to be called Christ's little ones take heed that you neither offend, nor despise such. The beginning of error is as when one letteth out water. We tremble to think to what further lengths you may be permitted to advance! Is the 4th commandment of no further obligation upon men? Then no other commandment is. Brother, you have reason to tremble at such belief ! We tremble for you ! Such faith as this, or rather such unbelief, with what has led onto this, if traced with consistent reasoning, will unhinge the whole system of Christain obligations. We hope you will see your errors, & return .

But, why have you gone out from us? Have we deviated from the faith & we held when you voluntarily joined our communion? This you will not plead. We stand fast & hold the traditions of Christ & his apostles. Why then are you gone out? Have you found a new revelation? This you will not pretend. Your bible & ours are alike. If you have superior wisdom in determining the import of revealed truth, you ought, instead of leaving us to grope in darkness, to strengthen the things that remain; to use every lawful method to instruct, enlighten, & reform us.

But we think ourselves competent to decide, with the bible in our hands, what is the right way of Chh-building, & the way to heaven. We esteem the errors, into which you have fallen, of sufficient magnitude to draw forth our pity, our prayers for you, & our solemn admonition in the name of Jesus Christ.

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Mar. 5 1812

Think, solemnly think on your ways, & return to your aggrieved brethren.
In the name, & behalf of the Chh;

	Reuben Emerson,)	Church
	Aaron Cowdry)	Committee
Brother Jos. Dix.	Aaron Bryant,)	

Approved by the Church.

The committee, who were to administer the first admonition to brother P. B. Emerson, in person, made their report. The substance of which was, that the offending brother seemed securely fixed in his errors, which led on to the above practice, as presented in the charge, that their appeared no signs of reclaiming him, & that they obtained of course no satisfaction.

Approved by the Chh.

The Chh then voted to administer a second admonition to those offending brethren, as no satisfaction in any way, was obtained.

Voted that brothers Reuben Emerson, Dea. Jos. Hartshorn, & Benjn Swain be a committee to administer their second admonition to brother Jos. Dix.--- And that brothers Aaron Bryant, Ezekiel Oliver, & Aaron Cowdry be their committee to present their second admonition to brother Peter B. Emerson.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to next week on Thursday, immediately after the public lecture.

Adjourned.

March 12 1812.

Chh embodied after lecture according to adjournment.

The first business presented before the Chh. was that of hearing the report of their committees. As Brother Dix refused to receive a committee from the Chh, because if he did he should acknowledge it a chh of Christ, the admonition was administered by writing. The report of their first committee therefore was a letter presented by their committee which is as follows.

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1812

South Reading 9 March 1812.

Appointed by the Chh, brother Dix, of which you are a member, to administer, in their name, the second, & probably the last admonition to you, grounded upon the charge of disorderly walk, brought by brother Aaron Cowdry, we state to you, in few words, & we would do it with the temper & spirit of the gospel, some things, which we could hope you would receive with the same temper & spirit.

Admonition from one aggrieved brother in the spirit of meekness & brotherly love, ought at least to impress you with some degree of seriousness & reflection. Admonition administered by two or 3 we should expect would have a deeper impression. And will you not suffer an admonition especially when administered, especially when repeated, from a united body of christians, a body of christians, united in the great & fundamental articles of the christian faith,-- when an admonition thus presented, presented under such weight of circumstances will you not allow it to have such an impression upon your mind as to lead you to a serious consideration whether you are not really in fault, in respect of the things with which you are charged?

Brother, those things lie with great weight upon our minds, We cannot view them as you seem to view them. They are weighty things. It is needless for us to repeat the charge to you. It has been stated. Could we feel the full weight of the subject we should express ourselves with more feeling than we do; but we feel enough to incite us to plead with you to look again into those subjects with double care; with prayerfulness, meekness, humility & selfabasement. God sees you. The time is short you have to dwell in this your house of clay. Think of death, think of that state in which we must shortly meet, & each one must stand or fall to his own master, must answer for himself.

We feel a consciousness that we compose a branch of the chh of Christ. You judge us otherwise. See that you judge nothing before the time. God will judge the secrets of the heart which you cannot.

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1812

South Reading 9 March 1812.

And, brother we can read, & we hope, yea, we claim to understand the bible so far as relates to what constitutes a chh of Christ. As an army with banners we draw up before you, hoping our labor will not be in vain. Remember, if we perform our duty, we are not accountable for the consequences. Beware, lest you find true, whenit is too late to amend, what is to be addressed to despisers. Receive this friendly admonition, for it is probable it may be the last; receive it with due candour, & brotherly affection. We must withdraw from you in the spirit of an offended chh if you will not listen to our repeated entreaties. Shall we give you the parting hand? Shall we be pained with your perseverance in error; or will you return? Must we leave you till we meet at the solemn bar of God, where all things will be settled forever? O receive this with the feeling with which it is sent, & no longer treat us as tho we were not worthy your notice, as tho' we were not a chh of Christ. We claim to be a band of professing,- nay, more, we claim to be a band of Christians, a chh; a chh of Christ, who have the Keys of the kingdom of heaven, & under Christ to shut & open. It is no small thing for such a body to decide a case against an offender. Will it not be sanctioned, will it not be bound or loosed in heaven, according as it is done on earth by those, who act in his name?

That divine truth may sink deep in your heart,& have a practical influence, is the prayer of your aggreived brethren, by order, & in behalf of the chh.

Brother Jas Dix.

Reuben Emerson,
Jas Hartshorn,
Benja Swain,
} Chh Committee

True copy, attest,

Reuben Emerson, Clerk.

The Committee appointed by the chh to administer their second admonition to brother Peter B. Emerson,made their report, the substance of which that he remained as he was before, & received of course no satisfaction.

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1812

March 9 1812.

No objections were made to either of the reports above, & the question remained what shall be done further with those brethren? When it was moved & seconded,

That the chh withdraw themselves from those disorderly walkers, according to the sense of the text : 2 Thess. 3:6.

The question was then put, & Voted unanimously in the affermative.

Voted this meeting be disolved.

Disolved.

May 14 1812.

Chh stopped after public lecture and

Voted that Dean Thos Parker be requested to put to the best use he can the money he received for two silver cups, which he sold for the Chh, till further directions.

1812 No admissions!

1813

March 18 1813.

Chh. stayed after lecture, according to previous notification heard the voluntary, confession, which Mrs Nancy Mansfield sent in, & voted to accept it.

A letter was read from the 1 Chh Sutton recommending to our christian fellowship & communion, Mr Wm Emerson & Louis his wife. Chh voted to receive them by virtue of the letter.

Dissolved.

Persons admitted into the Church 1813.

March 18 Wm Emerson & Louis his wife, by letter from 1 Chh. Sutton Dismissed to Chh Bangor, Me.

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1814

Sept 18 1814. Sabbath noon.

Voted that Miss Sarah Payson be admitted to occasional communion by virtue of a certificate of regular Chh-membership from the hand of Dr Worcester, Salem.

1815

June 15 1815.

At a Chh-meeting duly notified, after the examination of 2 canidates for chh communion.

1 Voted to choose a deacon; and chose by ballot, unanimously, brother Aaron Bryant, who, after a little time, signified his acceptance.

2 Voted to choose a committee of two to take the oversight of the Chh's money, with the deacons: And chose Brothers Benja Swain, & Jos Hopkins.

3 Voted that it is the pleasure of the brethren in case of baptism, the minister descend the desk after calling out the persons concerned, & make the first prayer below before the child or children, or person, or persons presented.

4 Voted to appoint a season directly after the public services of the preparatory lecture, for the purpose of a chh-prayer meeting.

Desolved.

Persons admitted into the Church 1815.

June 18 Rebecca & Nancy Bordman
(Dismissed to Concord)

1816

July 18 1816.

The Chh being together by previous notification,

Voted 1 To excuse Dea Thos Parker, according to his request, from the office of Treasurer of the Churche's money, & to choose a substitute.

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1816

July 18 1816.

Voted 2 That Dea Aaron Bryant be the Treasurer of said monies.

Do 3 To choose a committee of three to prepare a report for the next Chh-meeting, respecting the proper treatment of resident members of other Chhs, &C.

Do 4 That Reuben Emerson, Deacons Hartshorn & Bryant be this committee.

Adjourned to next Lecture.

Aug 15 1816.

Chh met according to adjournment, & voted to hear the report of their committee, which was as follows:

The undersigned, a committee chosen by your body to present a report relative to a subject previously brought to view in the Chh, beg leave to report the expediency of your adopting the following resolutions; Viz.

1 That we will expect of resident members of other Chhs, after they shall have been informed of this vote, & enjoyed priviledges with us one year, that they satisfy the Chh by certificate, or otherwise, of their regular Chh-membership, & of their Christian character.

2 That those persons, who propose joining our body by letter, be expected to give the same evidence of their christian character as those, who are received from the world, are required to give; viz, satisfaction relative to their moral & religious character.

3 That such letter be presented as soon as the lecture preparatory to the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Signed. (Reuben Emerson,
(Jas Hartshorn,
(Aaron Bryant.

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1816

Aug 15 1816.

The above report, was again read, article by article, & so accepted, without any alteration, by a unanimous vote.

Voted also, that Dea A. Bryant & Brother Aaron Cowdrey be requested to make known to the respective persons, who are, or may be within the embrace of the above articles, their true import, as well as existence.

Dissolved.

Sept 15 1816. Communion Sabbath.

Voted to admit Mrs. Sarah S. Yale, and Mrs Sarah Oliver members in full communion with us, by profession.

Oct 20 1816.

Do Do Chh was stopped after public worship & voted to send their pastor & delegate for the purpose of joining in council to dissolve the pastoral relation between Rev Jos Emerson, & the third Congregational Chh in Beverly, agreeably to letter missive.

Voted to send Dea Jas Hartshorn to represent the Chh.

Oct 20 1816.

Voted to admit Dr Thaddeus Spaulding by virtue of a letter from the Chh of Christ in Townsend.

Nov 17 1816.

Voted to admit Mr Benj H. Eaton by virtue of a letter from the 1st Chh in Reading.

Persons admitted into the Church 1816.

Sept	15	Mrs Sarah S. Yale & Mrs Sarah Oliver.
Oct	20	Dr Thads Spaulding, by letter from the Chh in Townsend.
Nov	17	Mr Benjamin H. Eaton, by letter from the first Chh Reading.

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Jan 17 1911.

Persons admitted into the Church 1817.

May 25 Mr Jesse Pope, &
Anna his wife
Mr Wm Hutchinson &
Rebecca his wife
Miss Mehetabel Green Dismissed to Salem
Mrs. Elizabeth, wife of Mr Danl Green Jr
Dismissed Stoneham.

June 22 Widow Timna Evans, and
Mrs Mary Wife of Mr John Lambert
Dismissed to Salem, N. Y.

July 20 Mrs Rhoda I, wife of Mr Miles Cook.

Aug 17 Mrs Tabitha, wife of brother Jos Mitchell,
Miss Joanna Crocker, &
Mr Washington Hartshorn
Dismissed to Portland.

1818

Aug 30 1818.

The Chh stopped at noon to see if they would comply with the request of Miss Mary Burnham, sick, & probably unto death, to visit her in view of Chh-membership.

Voted to meet her request so far as to visit her , the afternoon of the same day, 5 O'clock. A goodly number met accordingly; & being satisfied in respect of her knowledge & experience in religion, she was baptised & admitted into the Chh: after which, agreeable to her ardent desire she received, with a goodly number of brethren & sisters, the sacred Memorials of the Saviour's death.

All the above transactions were in the room where she was sick. She endured the whole with great composure, & was supported beyond expectation.

May 9 1818.

Chh stopped after public service, when a letter missive was read, from the first chh in Reading requesting our assistance in the ordination of Mr Cyrus Pierce, 19th ins.

Voted to sand two delagates with their Pastor: And chose Dea Aaron Bryant, & Br Aaron Cowdry.

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1818

Persons admitted into the Church 1818.

Aug 30 Miss Mary Burnham.

1819

June 20 1819 Sabbath.

Voted to admit Mrs Elizabeth Stowell a member of the Chh, by virtue of a letter from Braintree Chh recommendatory.

October 3d 1819.

Chh stopped after divine service, & voted, according to request, that Mrs Rebecca Long, & Mrs Nancy Fletcher, once Misses Rebecca & Nancy Bordman, be dismissed from this Chh & recommended to the Chh. of Christ, Concord, N. H.

Oct. 17 1819.

Voted to admit Mrs Hannah Emerson, who was Hannah Dix, a member, by virtue of a letter from the Chh in Townsend.

Persons admitted into the Church 1819.

May	16	Mrs Elizabeth Nichols
June	20	Mrs Eliz. Stowell, by letter from the Chh in Braintree.
Oct	17	Mrs Hannah, wife of Mr Peter Emerson, by letter from Townsend.

1820

March 1 1820.

Chh meeting at the meeting-house, duly warned. At which, Brother Aaron Bryant presented a charge of disorderly and unchristian walk against brother James Mitchell.

Charge.

" Sensible of the importance of christian discipline in the Chh. of Christ for the honor of <u>him</u> & the good of its members, & that we ought not to suffer sin upon a brother, & having evidence of disorderly & unchristian walk in brother James Mitchel, & having taken the previous steps required in Matt. 18 & obtained no satisfaction, I now tell it to the Chh: expecting them to take the matter into serious & prayerful consideration, & dispose of it according to their wisdom & discretion in the fear of God.

A. Bryant.

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1820

March 1 1820.

The Chh called on brother Bryant to support his charge.

We stated, that at a public store when drinking wine said, This tastes better than it does in the Chh. or meeting house.

This brother Mitchel denied.

Want of sufficient evidence, & that the matter might be further looked into induced the Chh. to,

Vote adjournment to Friday, next, 3 P. M.

Met according to adjournment, &, being cold, adjournd to the centre schoolhouse, immediately.

For want of evidence Voted to suspend the above article of proof, when the following was presented; viz.

Hard speeches about some of the brethren of the Chh. & withdrawing from the communion by implicating the vile conduct of a brother, which did not particularly concern him, & was incapable of proof.

These were not denied by brother Mitchel: & the evidence satisfied the Chh. that the charge was sufficiently supported.

The Chh then made the cause her own, & appointed a committee of 3, Viz. brothers John Gould, John Sweetser, & A Cowdry, to admonish the offender in the name of the Chh.

Voted to adjourn the meeting to the Thursday preceeding the third sabbath, instant, immediately after the public lecture.

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1820

March 16 1820. Thursday.

Met according to adjournment.

Voted to consider an admonition given at the time the charge was confirmed, one of the admonitions required.

Committee reported that brother Mitchel was unwilling to acknowledge to the whole Chh. & no confession was made.

The offending brother was asked whether he wished any further forbearance, and he replied he did not.

Voted, however, to adjourn to the time immediately after the next preparatory lecture, that all forbearance might be shown.

April 13, 1820.

Chh met according to adjournment.

Voted, to enquire of brother Mitchell whether he had any communications to make to the Chh. relative to the case now pending, & to give liberty to speak & communicate.

After very considerable free conversation, & no satisfaction obtained.

Voted to withdraw fellowship & communion from said brother.

Disolved.

April 16 1820. Sabbath.

Voted to admit by public profession of faith,

Mr. John Brown Jr &
Fanny his wife.
Mr Isaac Chickering,
Saml Hart&
Saml Nichols.

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1820

May 21 1820.

Voted to admit by public profession of faith,

Mrs Rebecca, Wife of Br John Sweetser
Mrs Mary Wyman,
Misses Huldah, Harriot & Sophia Green,
Rebecca Ingals,
Mary Hall,
Ann Burrell,
Nancy Pope,
Fanny Sweetser,
Abigail Gary,
Mary Burditt,
Rebecca Sweetser,
Sally Walton,
Betsey Emerson,
Nancy Rugg,
Capt Jas Gould,
Hiram Sweetser,
Michael Burditt, &
Jotham Walton.

June 4 1820.

Chh stayed after public service, when a letter missive from the 2d chh in Reading was read, purporting a desire for their assistance to dismiss their Pastor, & attend to any other business, which may probably come before them.

Upon which request, voted to send their pastor & two delegates.

Chose Dea. A. Bryant & Brother John Gould.

June 18 1820.

Voted to receive on his public profession of faith, Mr Wm Gage. And

Mrs Sally, wife of Mr Aaron Burditt,
Mrs Hannah, wife of Mr Benja Emerson,
by letters from Charlestown & Reading.

July 16 1820.

Voted to admit, upon profession,

Mrs Martha Peters.

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1820

Sept 3 1820.

Chh stopped after public service, When a letter missive was read from the 2d Chh, Reading for pastor & delegate to aid in the ordination of Mr Saml Green.

Voted to comply with the request of said Chh. and chose Dea. Aaron Bryant, delegate.

Sept 17 1820. Sabbath.

Voted to admit into the Chh.

Mrs Betsey Simpson,
Mrs Lucy Hartshorn,
Misses Nancy Walton, &
Mary Aborn.

Nov. 5, 1820.

Voted to observe the next preparatory lecture day as a day of fasting & prayer.

Dec 17, 1820.

Voted to admit Mr. Aaron Putnam a member of their body.

Persons admitted into the Church 1820.

Sabbath April 16 1820.

John Brown Jr &
Fanny his wife
Messrs Isaac Chickering
Saml Hart, Dismissed to Oswego, N. Y.
Saml Nichols, Dismissed to Wakefield, N. H.

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Sept 5 1859.

Oct elapsed after public worship. When a letter arrived was read from Sis Col, thanking for answer & offering to aid in the erection of Sept Church.

Voted to comply with the request in said ltr. and Bros. Lucas Bryant, & Wright.

Sept 17 1859. Sabbath.

Voted to call into the Ch.

Bro Sterling Cheney,
Sis Lucy Culbreath,
Sisters Nancy Miller, &
Mary Akers.

Oct. 3, 1859.

Voted to reserve the next communion Sabbath as a day of fasting & prayer.

Dec 17, 1859.

Voted to call Bro. Alton Morris & family of Union Church.

Bro. [illegible] Lucas Church [illegible].

Sabbath morn. 18 inst.

Jesse Thomas Jr &
Nancy Ann wife.
Sallie Lucas [illegible]
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Persons admitted into the Church 1820.

Sabbath, May 21 1820.

Died. Mrs Rebecca, wife of
Mr John Sweetser,
Mrs Mary, wife of
Mr ---- Wyman,
Misses Huldah Hariot &
Sophia Green, (Dismissed-Mald)
Rebecca Ingals,
Mary Hall, Dismissed to Thomaston, Me.
Ann Burrell,
Nancy Pope,
Fanny Sweetser,
Abigail Gary, Dismissed Ston'm
Mary Burditt, Dismissed to Wakefield
Rebecca Sweetser Dismissed to Plain'd.
Sally Walton,
Betsey Emerson,
Nancy Rugg,
Capt Jas Gould,
Masters Hiram Sweetser Let off
Michael Burditt, Greenwich
Jotham Walton,

Sabbath June 18, 1820.

Mr. William Gage; and Dismissed to Amherst.
Mrs. Sally Burditt, &
Mrs Hannah Emerson,
by letters of recomn & dismn .

Sabbath July 16, 1820.

Mrs Martha Peters,
dismissed to S chh Andover.

Sabbath Sept 17, 1820.

Mrs Betsey Simpson,
Mrs Lucy Hartshorn,
Died Misses Nancy Walton,
Mary Aborn,

Sabbath Dec 17 1820.

Mr. Aaron Putnam.

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1821

Feb 11, 1821.

Chh stopped after the blessing.

After hearing a letter missive from the Old South Chh. Boston, requesting their pastor & delegate, or delegates, to assist, should they think proper, in the ordination of Mr Wismer, pastor elect,

Voted to comply with the request of said Chh; &

Voted to send Dea. A. Bryant, delegate with the pastor.

March 19, 1821. Sabbath.

Voted to comply with the request of the Chh. in Woburn, in a letter missive, to send their pastor & delegate to join in council to dismiss their pastor.

Chose brother Hopkins.

May 17 1821.

At a Chh meeting previously notified, at which, a confession of incontinence before marriage by Sister Ann Walton, was read; as the rain prevented a full meeting of the Chh.

Voted to defer the consideration of it till the ensuing Sabbath.

Voted also to give pecuniary aid to brother Wm Gage in procuring an education, by a quarterly contribution; the first to be taken up at the close of the communion season, the 3d Sabbath, May, inst.

May 20 1821. Sabbath.

Sister Ann Walton's confession of incontinence before marriage was read to the Chh, who signified their satisfaction by rising, both male & female.

Also the female as well as male part of the Chh. signified by rising, their approbation of the act of the brethren relative to the aid of Brother Gage, last Thursday .

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August 19 1821. Sabbath.

Chh stopped after service. Letter missive from Chh in Manchester, requesting aid in installing Rev. Saml M. Emerson.

Voted to send a delegation, & chose Brother John Sweetser, & Brother Jas Gould, substitute.

Sept 30 1821.

Chh stopped after the blessing. A letter was read from the Chh in Stoneham, which contained several charges against brother Phinehas Wiley, resident in said town, which he denied, except one, viz. signing to the Methodists.

The Chh then chose a committee of five to write, in their behalf, to the Chh in Stoneham, to signify the denial of the main charges & to call upon them for their support.

The committee chosen were,

Reuben Emerson,
Dea. T. Parker,
Brother Jos Brown,
do Aaron Cowdry &
Dea A. Bryant.

Oct 7, 1821.

Chh stopped after worship & voted to send pastor, & delegate, Dea. Jas Hartshorn, in compliance with the request of Tamma Kilburn of Beverly, members of the first Congregational Chh there. Having requested a letter of dismission, & recommendation to the 3d congregational Chh in sd town for better edification which was denied, & then requested a mutual council to decide the affair, or advise in the case, which also was denied, she requests the advice of an exparte council.

Oct 17, 1821.

The Chh appointed the next Tuesday 2 P. M. a Chh Meeting, to attend to the affair presented from the Chh at Stoneham.

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1821

Oct 23d 1821.

Chh met according to appointment, & attended to the papers sent from the Chh of Stoneham.

Not finishing the business, adjourned to Thursday next at 2 P. M.

Oct 25 1821. Thursday.

Chh met according to adjournment. Attended further to the papers from the Chh in Stoneham containing certain dispositions against P. Wiley.

Voted that none of the articles of charge are supported except the following; appearance of hostility, or unfriendliness, to Mr Stevens; his signing off, & his using his influence to persuade others to sign off.

Voted, that in some particulars brother Wiley be admonished.

Chose Reuben Emerson,
br James Gould,
Dea. A. Bryant,
br Joseph Hopkins,
& Dr T. Spalding.

a committee to prepare a result on the foregoing cases to send to the Chh in Stoneham, & lay the same before the Chh at the next meeting for their acceptance, or nonacceptance.

Adjourned to the time immediately after the next preparatory lecture.

Nov. 15 1821.

Chh met according to adjournment, heard & accepted the report of their committee, the result of their preceeding, painful process, to be communicated to the Chh in Stoneham. (The letter on file).

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1821

Nov. 15, 1821.

At the same time another deposition forwarded to us, uncovered, from Dea Lynds of Stoneham, by the hand of a brother, was examined & compared with former depositions & after careful examination, Voted that the charge of fraud is not supported.

Voted that the Moderator be requested to call on brother Wiley next sabbath after the last service, previously requesting the Chh to stop, to hear any confession he may have to make, & administer what admonition he may think suitable on the occasion, in the name of the Chh.

Desolved.

Nov. 18, 1821.

Chh stopped after worship agreeable to previous understanding, heard, &

Voted to accept the acknowledgement of br Phinehas Wiley for speaking unadvisedly with his lips.

Dec 16, 1821.

Chh stopped after the blessing & appointed a meeting 24 Inst- 6 P. M. at the parsonage house, to attend to another communication from Stoneham.

Dec 23 1821. Sabbath.

Chh voted to reconsider the vote, which respected the place of meeting, & to meet at the house of Dea. A. Bryant.

Voted to send pastor & delegate to aid in the ordination of Mr Bennet, in compliance with the request of the Chh in Woburn, in their letter missive.

Chose Brother Jas Gould.

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Nov. 10, 1931.

At the time the meeting convened Present as
above, Then the Clerk of Records, by the Chair
a letter, was ordered to communicate with Thomas Campbell
& other persons concerned, that they may be present at the
11 o'clock session.

Moved that the Secretary be allowed to call on Messrs
Tilly and Brooks, [illegible] Lake Trout Service, Northwest
Transportation Co., Ltd., Fraser, or their representatives to
have in hand a preliminary map showing the location of the Lake
Kootenay on the boundary, in the case of the Lake.

Carried.

Nov. 10, 1931.

The Chairman stated [illegible] Lake Kootenay
Matter.

Moved by [illegible]

[illegible] for Kootenay Lake Trout Service
[illegible] Lake Kootenay [illegible]

Nov. 10, 1931.

[illegible] Lake Kootenay [illegible]
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[illegible] Lake Kootenay [illegible]

Nov. 10, 1931. Session.

The Board [illegible] Lake Kootenay [illegible]
[illegible] Lake Kootenay [illegible]
[illegible] Lake Kootenay [illegible]
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Dec 24 1821. Monday.

Chh met accoeding to appointment. After hearing the report, of which the communication from Stoneham was an answer, we attended to sd communication.

Voted that in our next letter to the Chh in Stoneham, since they interpret some things in our last letter as implying a charge against Mr. Stevens, tho' we never did, nor do we now understand it so, yet we will take back, or will "cheerfully withdraw" whatever they consider of such character.

Voted 2 That Mr Goodwin's deposition was not kept back, a moment after it was called for.

Voted 3 To propose to the Chh in Stoneham a reference of five men mutually chosen to whom we are willing to refer the difference existing between us.

Voted 4 That the committee chosen to draft the last letter be our committee to draft the next.

Voted 5 To adjourn this meeting till the close of the public exercises of tomorrow evening, to hear the report of our committee.

Dec 25, 1821.

Chh stayed after public worship, according to adjournment, heard & accepted the report of their committee.

Persons admitted into the Church 1821.

June 3 1821 Sabbath.

Mr. John Lambert

The Chh appointed a meeting at his house for the purpose of his admission, he being considered in a consumpn.

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Dec 19 1861. Study.

The two sections to explore. After hearing the report, of which the conclusion [illegible] was to proceed, attempt to [illegible].

Under Rule 14 the first [illegible] of the motion, which [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

1822

Jan. 26 1822.

Chh stopped after the blessing & attended to another letter from the Chh in Stoneham.

Voted that they are decidedly unwilling to have the difference between the Chhs in public hearing: but that they are willing to leave it as proposed in their last communication, to a reference consisting of professors of religion; & are prepared to go no farther, as they conceive this to be the extent of what the case can require.

Chose Dea. A. Bryant & br Reuben Emerson & Jas Gould to write.

Voted, also, to establish a monthly Chh conference, & that the first meeting be at Dea. A. Bryants next week Wednesday at 6 P. M.

Feb. 24 1822.

Chh stayed after the blessing, & attended to another letter from the Chh in Stoneham, dated Feb. 11.

Voted 1. That, declining all past propositions, to make one more, Viz.

To meet Stoneham Chh in conference, consisting of an equal number from each Chh, which they may name, together with the time & place of meeting, which conference shall jointly choose a man from some other Chh. to act merely as Moderator.

Voted 2. That the Committee last chosen to write to that Chh be the committee now to write; & that they be empowered to write without submitting the letter to the inspection of the Chh.

Aug. 15, 1822.

Chh Stopped after lecture.

Voted to hear the confession of sister Nancy Mansfield for intemperance.

It was read & accepted.

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Persons admitted into the Church 1822.

Aug 18 1822.

Misses Nancy Ann Hay
Eliza Gould

1823

March 13, 1823. Lecture.

Chh stopped after public exercises, & heard a charge of intemperate drinking presented by Dea. Aaron Bryant against sister Nancy Mansfield, who now resides at Salem;

The Chh made choice of R. Emerson, brother Jas Gould, & Dea. A. Bryant, a committee, to inform said sister of the charge presented against her, & give her opportunity to make her defence, or confession.

March 16, 1823.

A letter missive was read from Union Chh Boston, Essex St, requesting our assistance by pastor & delegate in the installation of Rev. Saml Green, March 26.

Voted to comply with their request, & chose brother Jas Gould, delegate.

April 18, 1823.

After lecture Chh stopped, heard a confession of Sister Nancy Mansfield, & being but few present, Voted to have it read the next sabbath.

According to the foregoing vote the confession was read, or presented, & there still being few, Voted to defer the consideration of it till Monday, 28 instant, at which time a general attendance was particularly requested for the above, & other purposes.

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(Continued) 1823.

April 28, 1823. Monday.

Chh met according to previous appointment, and,

Voted to suspend the decision of Mrs Mansfield's confession, that she may have opportunity to prove her repentance sincere, till the preparatory lecture in Sept, current year, after divine service.

At this meeting a number of the brethren, at whose instance the present meeting was called, presented a paper, to which the Chh voted to attend. The general object of the communication was to establish a standing committee to take an oversight of the Spiritual concerns of the Chh.

Voted to establish such committee: & that the following should be their particular instructions, comprising their powers, or specific duties: Viz.

1 If any offence come to their knowledge, they shall consider it their duty to see that it be brought before the Chh. Should they deem it necessary, according to gospel order.

2 Heal divisions, if possible, slander, jealousies, & evil surmisings, or whatever is suited to alienate the affections, or diminish brotherly love.

3 Reprove, rebuke & exhort, in the spirit of meekness such as err in religious doctrine.

4 Suffer no sin or scandal upon a brother or sister; search out unfavorable reports so as to be satisfied as to their truth or falsehood, that, if true, proper discipline may be employed; if not, the scandal shall be removed.

(Continued) 1823.

April 28, 1823.

5 Examine, in connection with the pastor, such candidates for admission into the Chh as shall choose not to come before the Chh for examination.

6 Visit those, who give evidence of piety & neglect to make a public profession of religion, & exhort them to duty.

7 Make such report to the Chh as they may think shall be for mutual benefit.

Also

Voted, that the committee be chosen annually, & by ballot. And that it shall be suitable, & the priviledge of any brother or sister, who shall have any difficulty existing in their minds, to make it known to the committee, provided they cannot settle it in a more private way.

Voted. also that the committee consist of five, & that Brother Jas Gould, Dea Aaron Bryant, brothers, Jona Emerson, Ezekl- Oliver, & Washing- Hartshorn, be this committee the ensuing year.

Voted to adjourn this meeting, which was conducted with great harmony & apparent affection, till immediately after the public services of the next preparatory lecture to choose a Deacon to supply the place of Dea. Thos Parkers deceased.

May 15, 1823.

Chh convened according to adjournment; & being but few present, with some other considerations,

Voted to disolve the meeting still having the above object in view.

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April 4th, 1884.

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Sept 25, 1823.

Chh, stopped & heard a letter missive from the S Chh Reading, requesting assistance by pastor & delegate, in the ordination of Mr J. Reid, as their pastor.

Voted to comply with their request, & chose Dea. A Bryant, delegate.

Oct. 17, 1823.

Chh met according to previous notice, &

Voted to make choice of a deacon.

Chose brother Ezekiel Oliver, 16 of 19 votes.

Confession of faith was read to the Chh. Then the following communication was made to the Chh.

Dear Brethren,

Having conversed with brothers Oliver Swain & Ebenezer Parker on what we considered in them a departure from the faith & practice of the Chh, in matters we deem important,- as rejecting the doctrine of eternal punishment, & giving countenance to preachers of universal salvation & being unsuccessful in the first & second step, according to Matt. 18, we tell it to the Chh. as a matter of grief, hoping they will take such order upon it, as shall best promote the cause of religion.

Aaron Bryant,
Jas Gould,
Jona Emerson
Ezekiel Oliver
} Committee of the Chh.

The Chh expressed their agreement with the committee in the sentiment embrased in their communication.

Voted to choose a committee to visit the brethren charged as above, & report at the next adjourned meeting; & chose,

brethren, Aaron Cowdrey,
Joseph Hopkins, &
Benja H. Eaton.

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Oct 17, 1823.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the next preparatory lecture, immediately after the public services; when, also they will attend to the unfinished business relative to a deacon.

Nov. 13, 1823.

Chh assembled according to adjournment, & expressed their continued desire that brother Oliver serve them as deacon; which with diffidence he accepted.

Prayer was offered, as a kind of investiture, on the occasion of his acceptance of the office.

The report of committee was read, which signified that the aforementioned brethren, O. Swain & E. Parker were fixed restorationers.

Chose brethren, Jos Hopkins, Aaron Cowdry & Reuben Emerson, a committee to admonish them a second time.

Voted to adjourn till the Thursday immediately preceeding the third Sabbath March next, immediately after the lecture preparatory to the sacrament.

No Admissions 1823.

Jan 11, 1824.

Chh stopped after the public services, when a letter missive from the Chh in Lynnfield was read, purporting a request, by pastor & delegate, to assist in the ordination of Mr. Jos Searle as their pastor.

Voted to comply with sd request, & chose Dea. A. Bryant del.

March 18, 1824.

Chh assembled according to adjournment; & after hearing the doings of the last meeting, attended to the report of their committee, which was, that brother O. Swain remained fixed in his former belief, & that brother Parker had not been visited, chh-meeting being thin, voted to adjourn to the

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March 18, 1824.

Thursday immediately preceeding the third Sabbath May next immediately after lecture exercises.

Adjourned.

May 13, 1824.

Chh met according to adjournment, to consider the matter of the brethren above charged.

Considered the case of brother Ebenr Parker, And for certain reasons, which to them appear sufficient to justify the following proceedure,-

Voted, that the process with him stop where it is; And that the Pastor be requested to inform the said Mr. Parker of the same.

From what was communicated respecting Mr. Swain,

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the time immediately after the next preparatory lecture, June, to which time other business was referred.

June 17, 1824.

Chh met according to adjournment.

Rechose four of the standing committee, & added brother Aaron Cowdry to fill up the number.

Also chose Dr. Spalding to supply the place of a committee deceased to take care of the Chhs property.

Voted to adjourn to the time immediately after the public exercises of the next preparatory lecture to meet brother Oliver Swain in conference, & that all the brethren & sisters be desired to attend.

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1824

July 15 1824.

Chh. met according to adjournment; Voted that this meeting be adjourned by reason of the absence of those on whose account the last was adjourned, till immediately after the next lecture preparatory to the sacrament.

And signified their pleasure to employ for the present every other season of lecture as a meeting for prayer.

July 18 1824.

Chh. stayed after communion, & at the request of br. Washington Hartshorn, voted a dismission from us & a recommendation to the Chh of Christ in Portland of which Dr. Payson is pastor.

Aug. 12 1824.

Chh. confession of faith & covenant were read, had conversation with brother Swain & adjourned to the next lecture.

Aug. 15 1824.

According to her request, voted to recommend & dismiss Mrs. Shillaber, formerly Miss Mehitabel Green, to the S. Chh. in Salem.

Aug. 22 1824.

Chh. stopped after divine service, heard a letter from the 2d Chh. Medford, requesting assistance by their pastor & delegate in the placing over them a man of their choice in the work of the gospel ministry. Voted to send agreeably to their request; & chose Deacon Aaron Bryant, delegate.

Sept. 16 1824.

Chh. met according to adjournment, & few being present voted to adjourn to the time immediately following the public services next Sabbath.

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Sept. 19 1824.

Chh assembled according to adjournment, And Voted to withdraw the hand of fellowhsip from brother Oliver Swain, on the charge presented.

Nov. 7 1824.

Chh. stopped after public services, & voted to observe the next Lecture Day as a day of fasting & prayer.

Nov. 18 1824.

Chh. stopped after lecture, when the subject of printing the confession of faith was introduced. Referred the subject to the standing committee to report at a future meeting.

Also, as sister Nancy Mansfield had requested a letter of dismission to the Methodist Chh. Salem, chose R. Emerson Dea. A. Bryant & brother Jas. Gould a committee to report concerning sd request at some future meeting.

Nov. 22. 1824.

The Chh. stopped by request after public services, thanksgiving day, When the committee chosen on the request of sister mansfield, reported, that, considering the whole circumstances of the case, it is suitable she be recommended to the Methodist Chh. Salem, as a member in regular standing, & should that Chh. receive her, she will be dismissed from us.

Chh. voted to accept the report.

Committee chosen to consider the expediency of printing the Chh. confession of faith & covenant reported in favor of printing 500 coppies, & that two be given to each member, & the rest depositted till further orders. The report was accepted, & the same committee were chosen to carry the vote into effect.

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Dec. 26 1824.

Chh. stayed & voted thanks to the children of late Mrs. Newell, for the very acceptable gift of an elegant folio, Bible made to the Chh by their mother, & presented by them.

* The following is the vote of thanks communicated.

To the children of the late much respected Mrs. Newell.

Dear Friends,

With sentiments of high respect & esteem, we cheerfully, & we hope, gratefully receive the precious & timely gift of a very elegant folio Bible, from your late affectionate & esteemed mother, thro' the kindness of your agency. We receive it as a grateful memorial of one whom we have long esteemed, & whose affectionate society we have long enjoyed. With you we mourn her loss, & would gladly administerconsolation to your bleeding hearts. And while, with sentiments of affection we cherish her memory, we express our gratitude for her very acceptable gift, & obliging mannner in which it is presented. -- While you pass thro' this vale of tears, we wish you the consolations derived from faith in the precious Volumn, & when called to follow your dear, departed mother from this world of sorrow & mourning, may you enjoy the steadfast hope it inspires, and hereafter come into full possession of the rich unalienable inheritance it reveals. By order & in behalf of the chh.

R. Emerson, Pastor.

Persons admitted into the Church 1824.

A. D.

One addition, by letter,
Ephm. M. Cunningham, Esqr.

1825

Jan. 9 1825
Chh. stopped voted to print the notes read by the committee & proposed by them, with the confession of faith.

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1825

May 22 1825.

Chh. stopped after the blessing. Letter missive read from Chh. in Baldwin, Maine, requesting delegate & pastor to assist in the installation of Rev. Noah Emerson. Voted to send; & chose brother Jeremiah Hartshorn, delegate.

Oct. 1825.

Chh. stopped after the blessing, & upon the request of Mrs. Clayes, formerly Rebecca Sweetser, Voted to dismiss & recommend her to the Chh. in Plainfield N. H. in which place she is settled.

Nov. 6 1825.

Chh. stopped after the blessing & voted to grant a letter of dismission & recommendation to Brother Wm. Gage, upon his request, in order to help form a Chh. in Amherst College, of which he is a member.

A. D. 1825 No additions.

1826.

Jan 9 1826.

At a meeting previously notified. Voted unanimously to meet the Chh in Stoneham by a committee of three, according to their request, 'to see if existing difficulties can be settled.'

Chose Dea. Aaron Bryant,, Brother James Gould, & brother Jonathan Emerson, said committee. Also, Voted that there is nothing on our past to interrupt Christian fellowship between us & the Chh in Stoneham.

Dissolved.

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1826

Jan. 22 1826. Sabbath.

Chh. stopped after the blessing, & Voted to accept the report of the above committee jointly with Stoneham committee for the above purpose, which embraces & implies an amicable settlement, on the two Chh's accepting the report, which was pacific.

March 19 1826. Sabbath.

Admitted by vote & by virtue of a letter from the Chh. in Stoneham, brother Reuben Gerry, as a member in full Commun.

April 2 1826. Sabbath.

Chh. stopped, when a letter was communicated from Park Street Chh. Boston, requesting their pastor & a delegate to join in council for the purpose of advising relative to the dismission of their beloved pastor, whose health & stremgth render such a measure probably, expedient. Voted to comply with their request & chose Dea. A. Bryant, delegate.

June 15 1826.

Voted to hold the communion service immediately after the after-noons service in future during the pleasure of the Church.

Aug. 13 1826.

Voted to admit Mr. Benja. Danforth a member of the Chh.

Oct. 1 1826.

Chh. stopped after divine service; heard a letter purporting to be sent by the Chh. in Saugus, to assist in the installation of Mr. E. Mandel as their pastor by being convinced that the Subscribers of the letter were not members of the Chh, but of the parish, & that the Chh. had no agency in the thing, -- Voted not to send.

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1826.

Nov. 16 1826.

Chh. stopped after lecture, heard the relations of two candidates for communion. Voted, after the consideration of the question of having the communion less frequent, to have an extra one, Jan. next.

Voted also to with-draw the hand of fellowship from brother Ebenr. Parker, who has been dealt with & not reclaimed.

Nov. 19 1826.

Voted to have the communion next month.

Dec. 24 1826.

Chh. stopped after public worship, voted to comply with the letter missive from Park Street Chh. Boston, to assist in the ordination of Mr. Beecher, & chose Dr. Thads. Spaulding, delegate.

Persons admitted into the Church A. D. 1826.

March	19	Elias Bordman
		Jas. L. Foot by profession
		Dismissed to the Chh. Dover.
		Mr. Reuben Gerry
		by letter from Stoneham.
May	21	Mr. Leroy M. Yale
		Dismissed to Home's H. Vineyard
		Miss Mary Gould
Aug.	13	Mr. Benja. Danforth
Nov.	19	Misses Loiza Rand
		Miss Eliza Cowdry dism.
Dec.	17	Mrs. Mary Phipps - ex.
		Misses Margaret Swain
		dismissed to Dover.
		Mary Smith, Reading
		dismissed to Bennett St. Chh. Boston.

1827

May 17 1827.

Chh. stopped after lecture, & heard a letter of recantation & confession from brother Aaron Putnam of his universalian principles, & of his error in embracing them: Voted it satisfactory: Previous steps, according to Matt. 18 having been taken with him, but not excommunication.

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1827.

May 20 1827.

Chh. stopped after the ordinary services, & before the administration of the supper, a letter was read from the west Chh. in Andover requesting assistance by pastor & delegate, to ordain Mr. Saml. C. Jackson as their pastor. Chose Dr. T. Spaulding, & brother B. Danforth, substitute.

June 3 1827.

Chh. stopped after service, & voted to give a letter of dismission & recommendation to sisters Elizabeth & Abigail Green wives of Messrs. Danl. & Henry Green, to the Chh. in Stoneham where they reside.

Sept. 16 1827.

Voted to admit Mrs. Susannah Foster by virtue of a letter from the S. Chh. Reading.

Sept. 30 1827

Voted to send Pastor, & delegate brother Jas. Gould to meet in council at Rev. Justin Edwards to grant him, if they should see cause, a dismission from his pastoral charge, of the Chh. Andover South in compliance with a letter missive.

Oct. 7 1827.

Voted to send pastor & delegate to assist in the dismission of Rev. J. H. Stevens from his pastoral relation to the Chh. in Stoneham, in compliance with a letter missive. Chose brother Jas. Hopkins.

Oct. 21 1827.

Voted to admit Mr. Jos. Harris by virtue of a letter from Royalston.

Nov. 18 1827.

Voted approbation of Chh. conferences: And to observe Tuesday next as a day of fasting & prayer for the out-pouring of the holy Spirit.

Dec. 16 1827.

Voted to admit Danl. B. Eastman.

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Dec 30, 1827.

Voted to comply with the request of the S Chh-- Andover & of the Salem Chh Boston to assist in the ordination of the their pastor elect in the former, & installation in the latter case. Mr Badger & Dr Edwards Chose brother Joseph Hopkins delegate to Boston, & brother Thaddeus Spaulding delegate to Andover.

Persons admitted into the Church 1827.

Sept	16	Amos Bordman Lambert, by profession Dismissed to a Chh in N. Y. City.
		Mrs. Susanna Foster, by letter.
Oct	21	Mr. Joseph Harris, by letter. Dismissed to Saugus.
Dec	16	Daniel B. Eastman Dismissed to the Cong Chh Northfield, N. H.

1828

April 27 1828.

Voted to send brother Aaron Cowdry delegate to join the council relative to the installation of Rev Jos Searle, by request of the Chh of Christ in Stoneham.

June 15, 1828.

Chh stopped after public service, & voted to give a letter of recommendation & dismission in usual form to the Chh in Bangor, Me. agreeable to their request of br Wm Emerson & Lois his wife.

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1828

Sept 14, 1828.

Chh stopped, & voted to send pastor & delegate to assist in the installation of brother Saml Nichols by virtue of a letter from the Chh in Wakefield, N. H. & chose brother Jos Hopkins.

Oct 5, 1828.

Chh stopped after public worship, & voted to answer the request of brother Saml Nichols & wife to be dismissed from this, & recommended to the Chh in Wakefield, N. H. over which he has recently been installed as pastor.

Oct 16, 1828.

Voted that brothers A. Bryant, & A. Cowdry be a Committee to meet the committees of arrangement of the three other Chhs in conference.

Nov. 13 1828.

Chh stopped after lecture; read a letter missive from the North Chh in Reading, requesting our assistance, by pastor & delegate, in the proposed installation of Rev. Jacob W. Eastman; the Chh voted to send, & chose brother Benjamin H. Eaton; the Chh voted to send, & chose brother Benjamin H. Eaton, delegate.

Examined two canidates.

Nov. 16, 1828. Sabbath.

Admitted by profession, Mr Benja Hawkes & Miss Selina Sweetser.

Nov. 27, 1828.

Thanksgiving Chh stopped after public worship, heard a letter missive from the Chh in Lunenberg, requesting their assistance by pastor & delegate in the installation of Rev. Ebenz Hubbard as their pastor. Voted to send, & chose brother Aaron Cowdry, del.

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1944

Dec. 14, Thur.

The enquiry I have to send letter is enlarge to write in the particulars of receipt send Mysore by night or a letter from the Dir Electrical, &c. &c. I shall inform the Police.

Dec 5, Tues.

Can attention after again Sunday, I would be glad the request of Director Med Stores I will go to Imperial Trade Bldg, & recommend to the Dir Com in Secretary, &c. &c. over matter to him personally when interview is granted.

Oct 12, Thur.

Vessel Bust Lordships L. Dyrnol, I A. Ready to a Committee to meet the condition of arrival each of the Nine other ships in convoy.

Mon. 12 Sept.

Can arrange after Monday next & later return into Bombay and in Calcutta, Jamshedpur and Jharia, by Monday & Calcutta, in the required hospitality of Mr. Lyall M. Please; the Car would be ready & those inspection to E. Calcutta; the Car would be ready & please arrange Secretary . Calcutta, &c.&c.

Instruct the Consignee.

Mon. 19, 1944. Bombay.

Monthly of Allotment of Pay Bill Supply & Sale Yellow Sheets.

Mon. 27, 1944.

Immediately the Consignee after Sunday morning, there a letter already from the Secretary, Railway Board explaining by permit & allowance in the Indian of Line, Stock delayed in Rail Depot. Since to date, I would Urgent Sugar Depot, &c.

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1828

Dec 21, 1828.

Chh stopped, & Voted to give a letter of recommendation & dismission to brother Jas Foot, agreeable to his request, to the first Congregational Chh of Christ in Dover, N. H.-- And voted to admit Mrs Sweetser, wife of Mr Moses Sweetser, by virtue of a letter from the Chh S. Parish, Reading.

Persons admitted into the Church 1828.

May 25 Sally Patch, by letter from Francestown. (Dismissed to Beverly.)

Nov 16 Mr Benjamin Hawkes and Miss Selina Sweetser

Dec 21 Mrs wife of Mr. Moses Sweetser by letter from Reading, W.

1829

Feb 8, 1829.

Chh stopped after service, & voted to recommend & dismiss widow Lydia Eaton to Hanover Chh, Boston, agreeable to her request.

Apl 19, 1829.

Chh detained, after worship, & Voted to give Lydia Mansfield a letter of dismission & recommendation to S Chh Salem, by virtue of her written request.

June 18, 1829.

Chh stopped after Lecture, & Chose the following brethren standing committee to take care of the spiritual concerns of the Chh.

Dea. Aaron Bryant
Dea. Ezekl Oliver
Brothers Aaron Cowdry
___ Benja H. Eaton
____ Hiram Sweetser

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1829

June 21, 1829.

Voted to give Mrs. Margaret Foote & Amos B. Lambert, by their request, each a letter of recommendation & dismission the former to the Chh in Daver, N. H. and the Latter, to the Chh in the city of N. Y. under the pastoral care of Rev. S. Cox, D. D.

Aug 16, 1829.

Admitted Mrs. Mary Crooks a member of the Chh by vote, on profession.

Aug 23, 1829.

Chh stopped after worship, & chose by vote brother E. M. Cunningham, delegate to attend at Council proposed at Carlisle for the adjustment of some difficulties there, by virtue of a letter from that Chh, which are destitute of a pastor.

Sept 20, 1829.

Admitted Mr Rufus F. Draper.

Sept 22, 1829.

Chh met according to appointment, & by request of brother Jona Emerson, Voted to hear what he had to communicate.

He confessed a scandalous sin of which he had been guilty, with apparent humility & penitence. And after questions & replies to the extent of the wishes of the parties,-- Chose a committee of nine to report, at a future meeting, what in their opinion, is the duty of the Chh towards the offender; viz. The pastor, Dea. A. Bryant, Dr T. Spaulding, Dea. E. Oliver br Danforth, br J. Sweetser, br A. Cowdry, br R. Gerry, & br Jas Gould.

Adjourned to Monday next, 3 P. M. to meet at 2, to spend an hour in prayer before the business of the meeting, that we may be the better prepared to act in the painful service.

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June 30, 1939.

July 19, 1939.

August 8, 1939.

Sept 20, 1939.

Oct 18, 1939.

Nov 15, 1939.

Dec 13, 1939.

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Sept 20, 1829.

Chh met according to adjournment, heard & accepted the report of their committee, which report was in substance the following;
That it is expedient to excommunicate the offending member in question, as the Chh can in no other way clear themselves in this matter.
To the above there was not a dissenting voice.

Adjourned.

Dec. 27 1829.

Chh. stopped after public worship, & Voted to give a letter of dismission & recommendation to brother Saml. Hart, by his request, to the presbyterian Chh, Oswego, N. Y. under the care of Mr. Abel.

Persons admitted into the Church 1829.

Aug. 16. Mrs. Mary Crooks.
Sept.20. Mr. Rufus F. Draper

1830

Apl. 15 1830.

Chh stopped by request after lecture, & Voted to hear brother B. Danforth make some statements to them relative to an error in practice into which he had fallen. He made them. Chose the following members to report concerning brother Danforth's affair one fortnight from this day, at 3 P. M.

Viz.	Reuben Emerson	
..	Benja Swain	
	Nathl. Cowdry	Committee
	Dr. T. Spaulding	
	Dea. A. Bryant	
	Dea. Ezekl. Oliver	
	John Sweetser	
	Aaron Cowdry	
	Reuben Gerry	

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1830

Apl. 15 1830.

At the same meeting a letter missive was read from the othodox Chh in Bilerica, requesting their assistance by pastor & delegate in the ordination of Mr. John Starkweather. Voted to send & chose brother Jas. Gould, & Dr. T. Spaulding, his substitute.

Apl. 30 1830/

Chh. Met according to adjournment, with the exception of its being the day after, which was by previous notice; heard & accepted the report of their committee, which was, that upon his manifesting a proper sense of his fault, the Chh ought to forgive him. He accordingly gave universal satisfaction, & was of course forgiven.

May 16 1830.

Voted to admit, on her profession, Mrs. Clarissa Wait.

Sept. 26 1830.

Mr. Reuben Gerry requested leave to attend meeting & communion with some other congregation Chh. for a few Sabbaths or months as the case may be, & recommend him &c.

Voted to defer it till next sabbath .

Sept. 26, 1830.

At the request of Mrs. Eunice Holt, formerly Miss Eunice Evans, Voted to recommend & dismiss her to the S. Chh. Andover.

Oct. 3 1830.

Voted to refer the case of brother Gerry to the standing committee, to report next week, lecture day.

Oct. 14 1830.

Chh. stopped according to adjournment, when the committee reported, that brother Gerry's request was for the purpose of playing the organ at Reading. Voted to pass over the article without acting upon it: & but one dissenting vote.

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1830

Oct. 17 1830. Sabbath.

Voted to admit Mrs. Maria Williams a member of the Chh. by virtue of a letter from a chh in East Haven, Conn.

Nov. 7 1830

Voted to give a letter of dismission & recommendation to Mrs. Sally Standly, formerly Sally Patch, to unite with the 3d Chh. Beverly.

Persons admitted into the Church 1830

May 16 Mrs. Clarissa Wait.
Oct 17 Mrs. Maria Williams, by letter from East Haven, Con. Dismissed to Chh. in New Haven.

1831

Apl. 17 1831.

Chh. stopped, & agreeable to a letter missive from the chh & society N. parish, Reading, to send pastor & delegate to aid in dismissing their pastor, chose brother Benja. H. Eaton, delegate.

Apl. 24 1831.

Voted to admit Mrs. Abigail, wife of Mr. Jos. Hartshorn, & Miss Julia Prentiss.

May 8 1831.

Chh. stopped after service; & a letter being read from the Chh. at Wilmington requesting assistance by our pastor & delegate in the installation of Rev. F. Norwood, voted to comply with said request & chose Dr. T. Spaulding, delegate.

May 15 1831.

Chh. stopped after public service for communion, & agreeably to the request of Mrs. Mary Safford, formerly Mrs. M. Bordman, Once Mary Smith voted her a dismission from this, & recommendation to the Bennet or Salem Street Chh, Boston.

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1831

May 29 1831

Chh. stopped after worship, & voted, by request of A. B. C. F. M. to assist in council at the ordination of Messrs. Hall & Boutwell, as missionaries for foreign missions; & chose Br. Jos. Hopkins.

July 27 1831.

Chh. voted to admit Mr. Jacob Townsend & Nancy, his wife, the latter from a Methodist Chh Boston . And voted, also, to give a letter of recommendation & dismission to Mrs. Phebe, wife of Mr. Elias Emerson of Lancaster, to the new Chh in Bolton.

Sept. 1 1831.

Chh voted to invite the Baptist Society to attend their protracted meeting, expected next week.

Oct. 16 1831.

Voted to admit into the Chh by profession. Mrs. Huldah Green, Mrs. Sally Gerry, Mrs. Lucretia H. Emerson, Mrs. Abigail Sweetser, Mrs. Caroline R. Hartshorn, Misses Sarah P. Cowdry, Almira Cowdry, Harriot Gould, & Sally Gerry.

Nov. 20 1831.

Voted to send agreeably to letter missive from Stoneham, for the purpose of dismission of their minister Rev. Jos. Searle, br Thaddeuss Spaulding.

(Delegate)

Dec. 25 1831.

Voted to admit Mr. Reuben Green by profession, & Mrs Betsey, Wife of Mr. James Burditt, & Mrs. Patty, Wife of br. Jos. Hopkins, by virtue of a letter of recommendation & dismission from the Chh in Stoneham.

Same day a letter missive was read from the Chh. in Stoneham, requesting our assistance by pastor & delegate to aid in the dismission of their minister, Rev. Jos. Searle.

Voted to comply with their wishes, & chose brother Jos. Hopkins, delegate.

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1831

Persons admitted into the Church 1831.

Apl. 24. Mrs. Abigail, Wife of Mr. Jos. Hartshorn, & Miss Julie Prentiss .

July 17 Mr. Jacob Townsend & Nancy his Wife.

Oct. 16 Mrs. Huldah Green, Admitted
Do Lucretia H. Emerson
Do Abigail Sweetser Dismissed to Stoneham.
Do Caroline R. Hartshorn
Misses Sarah P. Cowdry Dismissed to a Chh. in Col. Illinois.
Almira Cowdry Dismissed to the Chh. in Malden.
Harriet Gould
Sally Gerry

Nov. 20 Admitted the following Persons Viz.
Mrs. Nancy Beard,
Do Lucinda Spaulding
Do Sarah K. Kingman
Do Elizabeth G. Henfield Dismissed to Lynnfield
Misses Joanna Rebecca T. Oliver Dismissed to Malden.
Margaret N. Wilson
Rebecca P. Lambert,
Lucinda Prentiss, Dism' to Me.
Eliza Stowell Dismissed to Stoneham
Mr. Moses Sweetser Jr.

Dec. 25 Admitted, by Profession,
Mr. Reuben Green; &
Mrs. Betsey Burditt (Dismissed to Stoneham)
Mrs. Patty Hopkins, by letter from Stoneham.

1832

Apl. 15, 1832.

Voted to admit Mr. Saml. P. Avery, by virtue of a letter from the Chh. in Newbury, Vermont.

July 29 1832.

By virtue of letter missive from the Chh in Stoneham, requesting our aid in the installation of Rev. Jonas Colburn as their pastor, Wednesday, Aug. 1. Voted to comply with their request to send pastor & delegate: And chose Br. Reuben Gerry, delegate.

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1832

Sept. 9 1832.

By virtue of a letter missive from A. B. C. F. M. requesting our Assistance by pastor & delegate to join in Council 13 instant for the ordination of Mr. Benja E. Parker, at Reading, as a missionary for the Sandwich Islands, voted to comply with their request, & chose Dea. Aaron Bryant, delegate.

Sept. 27 1832. Thursday.

The brethren voted, unanamously to resolve themselves into a

Sabbath Association,

(the sisters concurring, being requested to signify their approbation by rising.) based upon the following articles.

"Believing that all wordly business & travelling on the christain Sabbath. except in cas-s of piety, necessity or mercy, & all worldly visitting & amusements on that day, are contrary to the divine will, & injurious to the social, civil & religious interests of men, we, the subscribers agree that we will abstain from all such violations of the sabbath, & will endeavor to persuade our families & others to do the same."

This was subscribed by all the members present, male & female, & some others, & is open for all.

At the same meeting, all present, male & female, signified their approbation of the temperance cause.

Oct. 18 1832.

Chh. stopped to receive, & act upon a letter from brother Hiram Sweetser, requesting a dismission from this, & a recommendation to the baptist chh in this place.

After attending to the subject with deliberation & kindness, Voted to raise a committee to five to reply to this letter, & make such other communication, by way of instruction, & reproof, as shall be, in their judgement best suited to enlighten & reclaim him.

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1832.

Oct. 18 1832.

Chose Reuben Emerson, Dea. Aaron Bryant, Dr. Thads. Spaulding, Br. Reuben Gerry, & Mr. Aaron Cowdry) Committee.

Voted that they be instructed to inform Br. H. S. that his being known here , renders a certificate of character unnecessary.

Nov 1, 1832.

Chh conference: Voted to keep the 3d Thursday, instant as a day of fasting & prayer, & have 3 sermons, for the express purpose of our reviving, & the work of the Lord among us.

Nov. 4, 1832.

Chh stopped, & voted to hold the above proposed fast on Friday the day following.

A letter missive was read from the Chh in Lynn, requesting assistance by pastor & delegate in the ordination of Mr. Peabody to the work of the ministry among them.

Voted to comply with request; & chose brother Nathll Cowdry delegate.

Dec. 9, 1832.

Chh stopped, Letter read from Malden Chh requesting our assistance by pastor & delegate in the ordination of Mr. McClure as their pastor. Voted to send; & chose Dea. A. Bryant, delegate.

Persons admitted into the Church 1832.

Admitted, by profession.

March 19, Mr. Thaddeus P. Allen, Dismissed to the S. Chh, Andover.

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1832.

Persons admitted into the Church 1832.

March 19, Vernum Sweetser, &
Mrs. Elizabeth, his wife
Mr Calvin Nichols,
" Wm Crane,
Misses Rebecca Abbot,
Sarah (See records)
& Octavia, dismissed to S. Woburn.
A. Yale,
Ruthy, &
Mary Sweetser.

Apl 15 Mr. Saml P. Avery, by letter, from Vt. Ex.

1833

Jan. 6, 1833.

Chh heard a letter from the Chh in Saugus, requesting their assistance, by their pastor & a delegate, in the ordination of Mr. Sidney Holman as their pastor. Voted to send, & chose brother Jos Harris.

March 14, 1833.

The Chh, believing that the common use of ardent spirit is inconsistent with the christian character, resolved that we will admit none into our body but those, who hold to total abstinence from it except as a medicine.

Apl. 21, 1833.

At the request of brother Joseph Harris, voted to give him a letter of dismission & recommendation to the Chh in Saugus.

July 7, 1833.

By request of the evangelical Chh in Berlin to send pastor & delegate to aid in council in the installation of Rev. Michael Burditt, as their pastor, Voted to comply with their request, and chose br Rufus F. Draper, del.

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1833

June 30, 1833.

By request of the third Con. Chh in Beverly to send pastor & delegate to join in council respecting some difficulties existing in said Chh, with regard to their pastor, Voted to send, & chose br Nathl Cowdry, del.

Aug. 18, 1833.

Voted to give a letter of dismission & recommendation to Mrs. Sophia Howard, by her request, to the reformed, of protestant Methodist Chh, Malden.

Sept 15, 1833.

Agreeable to request of South Chh, Reading, Voted to send their pastor & a delegate to aid in council, in installing Rev. Aaron Pickett, as their pastor, & chose brother Joseph Hopkins, delegate.

Oct. 20, 1833.

Agreable to the request of Mr. Josiah Winchester, Salem, to send pastor & delegate to meet in exparte Council to settle a difficulty between a Chh in Danvers from which he has been excommunicated, or look into it, advise in the affair, Voted to send, & chose Dr. T. Spaulding, & Dea. A. Bryant, his substitute.

Same day, voted to send pastor & delegate to assist in the installation of Rev. Mr. Josiah Hill, at Lynnfield, by request of the Chh in said town, & chose brother John Sweetser, delegate.

Dec. 5, 1833.

Chh met, & after having spent an hour in religious conference, embodied, & , after a space of deliberation,

Voted to have the Lord's supper administered <u>every month</u> in the year, instead of9, which had been

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Dec. 5, 1833.

long practised; & also,

Voted to have the communion the first sabbath in each mo. beginning with Jan. next. The sisters signified their assent by rising. Nem. Con.

Persons admitted into the Church 1833.

N. Y.

Jan. 6 Mr. Roswell S. Fisher, Dismissed to Chh Batavia,
Mrs. Timna Allen, Dismissed to S. Chh, Andover.
Mrs. Lucinda G. Tilton dismissed to Lynn.

May 19 Miss Lucilia T. Yale, Dismissed to the W. Chh Bradford.

June 16 Mr. John Page, by letter, from the 3d Chh Salem Mass.

1834

May 4, 1834.

Voted to admit into the Chh, Mr. Jas Eustis, by profession & Mr Benja L. Boardman, Susan his wife, & Mrs. Betsey Moses her Mother, by letter from the Chh in Bridgewater, N. H. & Miss Tabatha Parsons, by letter from Stoneham Chh.

June 1, 1834.

Voted to give a letter of recommendation to Mrs. Mary Tate, & dismission to the Cong. Chh Thomaston, Maine, at her request.

June 1, 1834.

Agreable to letter missive from the First Chh in Reading, requesting our assistance in the proposed ordination of Mr. James D. Lewis, Wednesday, 4 instant,

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1834

June 1, 1834.

Voted to send, & chose brother Aaron Cowdry to attend as delegate with the pastor.

June 19, 1834.

Voted that, at the next preparatory season, we make choice of another deacon; & that we prayerfully hear the subject on our minds tell then, & meet at the first bell, on said day for prayer; for direction in the choice.

June 22, 1834.

Chh stopped, & by request of the evangelical Chh, Berlin to assist in Council to dismis their minister, Voted to send pastor & delegate, & chose brother R.F. Draper.

July 3, 1834.

At the request of Sister, J. R. T.Oliver, Voted to recommend & dismis her to the Congl Chh in Malden.

Aug. 3, 1834.

Voted to admit Mrs. Susan Eustis by virtue of a letter of dismission & recommendation from the first Chh in Charlestown.

Nov. 16, 1834.

Voted to dismiss brother Roswell S. Fisher, & recommend him to the presbyterian Chh in Batavia, N. Y.

Dec. 28, 1834.

Chh stopped, heard a joint letter from the Chh in Saugus & the pastor, requesting our assistance by pastor & delegate, in dismissing their pastor, should the Council deem it expedient. Voted to send, & chose brother Benja. L. Bordman, delegate.

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1956

June 1, 1956.

Order to Lease, a Quiet Corner Liquor Store, on Lease
at Monthly Rental for One Year.

June 12, 1956.

Order to Lease, an Old Gas Station, on Lease at Monthly
Rental for One Year.

June 20, 1956.

Order to Lease, a Vacant Lot, on Lease at Monthly Rental
for One Year.

July 1, 1956.

Order to Lease, a Vacant Lot, on Lease at Monthly Rental
for One Year.

July 1, 1956.

Order to Lease, a Vacant Lot, on Lease at Monthly Rental
for One Year.

July 1, 1956.

Order to Lease, a Vacant Lot, on Lease at Monthly Rental
for One Year.

July 1, 1956.

Order to Lease, a Vacant Lot, on Lease at Monthly Rental
for One Year.

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Dec. 28, 1834.

At the same time a joint letter was read from the 3d Chh in Lowell, & their pastor, to request us to join in council with other Churches, to assist in settling certain difficulties existing there relative to the 1st & 2d Chhs in that place- Voted to send, & chose br Jos Hopkins, delegate.

Persons admitted into the Church 1834.

May 9, Miss Tabitha Parsons, dismissed from the Chh in Stoneham:
Mr. Benja L. Boardman, &
Susan, his wife, &
Mrs. Betsey Moses, from the Chh in Bridgewater, N. H.
Mr. James Eustis, by profession.
Aug 3, Mrs. Susan Eustis, by letter from Charlestown, 1Chh.

1835

June 7, 1835.

At the request of Mrs. Abigail Rayner, removed to Charlestown, to remove her relation to the first Church in that place, which request was, by vote, granted.

July 2, 1835.

Chh met, & received a charge presented by br Jos Hopkins against br Nathl Cowdry, which is as follows; Viz.

This certifies that I have taken the first & second step with brother Nathl Cowdry, on a charge of claiming service as Sergeant in the revolutionary war, to which he gave oath, & which he never served. And failing to get satisfaction, I now tell it to the Chh.

Jos Hopkins.

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S. Reading July 2, 1835.

The acused br was called upon to state whether these things were so, & made a statement of the case at some length, not denying any material point.

After considerable conversation, & questioning, the Chh adjourned to Thursday, two weeks from this day.

July 16, 1835.

Chh met according to adjournment, & further attended to the case of brother N. Cowdry, & after a full examination of the subject, br Cowdry declared that he neither knew, now believed that the service of Sergeant was in the paper, which his lawyer made out for his pension, when he took the oath. And as there was no proof that he did know or believ the paper contained that service, that part of the charge was dropped.-- But he acknowledged that when he took the pension money, as the Sergeant's pay came to the paymaster in Boston, & was offered him, tho' he knew it did not belong to him, yet, being urged, he took it, was sorry for it, confessed it was wrong, & asked the forgiveness of the Chh. Whereupon the Chh Voted to accept his confession. And Voted also that br Wm Hutchinson inform br Cowdry that the Chh voted to accept his confession.

Disolved.

Aug. 2, 1835.

At the request of br Danl B. Eastman, removed to Northfield, N. H. for a dismission from us to the Congregational Chh in that place, Voted that his request be granted.

At the same time voted to admit Mrs. Experience Swain a member of this Chh by virtue of a letter in usual form from the First Chh in Charlestown.

Oct 4, 1835.

Chh voted to admit Mr. Elijah Edson, & Persis his wife, by virtue of a letter recommendatory from the West Chh in Andover.

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Nov. 8, 1835.

Chh stopped, & heard a request of Mr. Thompson to be ordained as a missionary by the Woburn Association, the Chhs uniting in council at Tewkesbury, on Wednesday, 18 inst the A. B. C. F. M. concurring. Whereupon the Chh voted to send pastor & delegate; & chose brother Jos Hopkins to attend with the pastor to unite with the proposed council.

Persons admitted into the Church 1835.

Aug. 2, 1835.

Mrs. Experience Swain, by letter from Charlestown.

Oct 4 Mr. Elijah Edson &
Persis his wife. (dismissed to S Andover)
by letter from the West Chh in
Andover.

1836

Apl. 24, 1836.

Chh stopped, heard a letter missive from the first Chh in Lynn, requesting assistance, by pastor & delegate, in the installation of Rev. Parsons Cooke over them as their pastor. Voted to comply with said request, & chose Dea. Aaron Bryant, delegate.

May 1, 1836.

Chh being together for the communion, heard a letter from the S. Chh Andover, requesting them to assist, by their pastor, & delegates, in the proposed ordination of Mr. Lorenso L. Langstroth, as their pastor, May 11. Whereupon voted to comply with sd request, & chose brothers Benja L. Bordman & Elijah Edson delegates.

June5, 1836.

Chh being together, heard a letter from the orthodox Congregational Chh in Bilerica, requesting aid, by pastor, & delegate, in instaling Rev. Jos Haven as their pastor. Voted to send, & chose br Jas. Eustis, del.

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July 3, 1836.

Admitted by vote of the Chh. Mr. John Emerson, Mr Leonard Sweetser, & Selina his wife.

Aug. 7, 1836.

The Chh being together, Voted to dismiss from this Chh Mrs. Almira Holden, formerly Cowdry, to the Congregational Chh in Malden, by her request.

Oct. 16, 1836.

Chh stopped, & heard a letter read from the Evangelical Chh in Northborough, requesting our assistance in the ordination of Mr. Daniel Hopkins Emerson over them in the Lord.- Voted to comply with their request, &, after the appointment & refusal of several, chose Brother Nathl Cowdry, delegate, who also thought he could not go, but chose no further, tho' he might fail.

Dec. 15, 1836.

The Chh being together, & 1 request being made by her, who was Lucinda Prentiss, now Mrs. How for a dismission from us to the Congregational Chh in Sumner, Me. Her request was voted, & she was accordingly dismissed.

Persons admitted into the Church 1836.

July 3 Mr. John Emerson,
Mr Leonard Sweetser, &
Mrs. Selina, his wife.

1837

Jan 8, 1837.

Voted to admit, by profession, the following persons to Chh communion & fellowship:

Mrs. Jerusha F. Pool, Mrs. Rebecca P. Bryant, Mrs Elizabeth Cowdry, Miss Salome Orne, Mr. Aaron Cowdry, Jr, Mr. Josiah Richardson, Master James Oliver, & Master Leander S. Berry.

July 6, 1896.

Admitted by vote of the Club. Mr. John Emerson, Jr. Howard Brewster, & Robin Mix.

Aug. 7, 1896.

The Club being required, Voted to Alter from this Club Mr. Alwin Holmes, Jr. Howard, Jr., to the Cosmopolitan Club in Weldon, by Law request.

Oct. 16, 1896.

Club adopted, & sent a letter read from the Cosmopolitan Club in Mrs Thompson, requesting our participation in the Carnival Dramatic Club in the Opera House. Voted to comply with their request, & after the appointment & reading of several, choose Arabian Knights, Cinderella, who also thought he could not go, but chose to for Mrs. Thos. He might read.

Nov. 13, 1896.

The Club being dispersed, & I request being made by Mr, Mr and Lucinda Fremlin, was Mr. Mix for Invitation from us to the Cosmopolitan Club in Bruno ; Mr. Request was read, & the was accordingly elected.

Persons admitted into the Church 1896.

July 4 Mr. John Emerson.
Mr Howard Brewster, &
Mr. Robin Mix, Jr. &c.

Jan 3, 1897.

Voted to remit, by profession, the following persons to the communion & fellowship.

Mrs. Jerusha T. Pool, Mrs. Theresa P. Bryant, Mrs Elizabeth Dudley, Miss Clara Orr, Mr. Aaron Cooley, Jr. Mr. Josiah Richardson, Mrs. Mary Ellis Silvey & Mrs. Elizabeth C. Perry.

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March 1837.

By virtue of a request of the Chh in Stoneham, to meet in Council to dismiss their minister, Voted to answer their request, & chose brother Nathl Cowdry, delegate.

Apl. 6, 1837.

The Chh being stopped, fast day, Voted to comply with the request read from the Chh of Christ in Lynnfield, that they would join in Council there for the purpose of discharging their minister, Mr. Josiah Hill, & chose brother John Sweetser, delegate.

May 7, 1837.

Voted to admit Mrs. Elizabeth Hart, Mr. Elijah Thwing, Mrs. Charlotte Coggin, & Miss Sarah Thwing by virtue of letters from, Salem, N. H. & Newton.

Sept. 3, 1837.

By letter from Emery Moulton of Lynn, aggrieved at what the Chh in Lynn had done, excluding him without a fair trial, requesting us to join other Chhs in Council, exparte, if necessary, that he may have a fair hearing.

Voted to send the pastor & brother Aaron Cowdry, to join in Council,

Sept 3, 1837.

Voted to give sister Eliza Stowell, now Mrs Hadley, a letter of dismission to the Chh in Stoneham.

Oct. 29, 1837.

Voted to give a letter of recommendation & dismission to the S Chh in Andover, to sister Martha Peters, at her request.

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Nov. 3, 1837.

Voted to admit Mrs. Lucretia Hawkes by virtue of a letter from the Chh in Woburn, & Mrs. Emily Nichols, by letter from the Chh in Charlestown.

Dec. 17, 1837.

A letter missive from Lynnfield being read, requesting assistance by pastor & delegate to ordain Mr. Green, as the pastor of said Chh, voted to comply with the request and chose br John Sweetser, delegate.

Persons admitted into the Church 1837.

Jan	8	Mrs. Jerusha F. Pool, Mrs Rebecca P. Bryant, Mrs Elizabeth Cowdry, Miss Salome Orne, Mr Aaron Cowdry Jr. Mr. Josiah Richardson, Dismissed Master James Oliver & Master Leander S. Berry.
May	7	Mrs. Elizabeth Hart, by letter from Salem, N. H. Mr. Elijah Thwing, Mrs. Charlotte Coggin & Miss Sarah Thwing, by letter from Newtown. 1st, Chh.
Nov	3	Mrs. Lucretia Hawkes, & Mrs. Emily Nichols, by letters from Woburn & Charlestown.

1838

Jan. 5, 1838.

The Chh being together voted to submit the matter of printing the original COVENANT of this Chh to a committee of three; to insert notes explanatory, if they should think proper, Chose,

Reuben Emerson,
Dr. T. Spaulding,
& Br. B. L. Bordman,

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Nov. 9, 1917.

Nov. 17, 1917.

June 5

June 7.

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Jan. 18, 1838.

The Chh being together, & the subject of transforming some of the cups belonging to the communion service, being proposed, chose a committee of seven to examine the matter, & make a report at a future meeting:

Viz. Reuben Emerson,
br Aaron Cowdry Jr,
Dr. T. Spaulding,
Dea. Aaron Bryant,
br Benja Hawkes,
br Lewis Bordman, &
Dea. Ezekl Oliver.

Feb. 1. 1838.

The Chh being together, heard the report of the preceeding committee; Viz.

They are in favor of transforming the six large cups into more modern form provided the terms of altering should be satisfactory; & to defray the expense with money belonging to the Chh. All the silver be wrought into new ones.

Voted to alter the cups. But there being a large minority & wishing for unamity, & that the subject might be more naturally considered, voted an indefinite postponement of the subject.

Feb. 4, 1838.

Voted to admit Mr. Danl Norcross by virtue of a letter from the 1 Chh in Lowell, & his wife, Ellen, by profession.

May 6, 1838.

Voted to admit Mrs. Fanny Sweetser, by virtue of a letter from the S Chh in Reading.

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Aug. 12, 1938.

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Nov. 25, 1838.

The Chh at Woburn having requested the assistance of the Chh, by pastor, & delegate, in the ordination of Messrs Thompson & Sherman, as missionaries.

Voted to comply with the request, & chose Dea. A. Bryant, delegate.

Persons admitted into the Church 1838.

Feb 4 Mr. Danl Norcross, by letter from Lowell, & Ellen, his wife by profession.
May 6 Mrs. Fanny Sweetser, by letter from the S Chh Reading.

1839

May 5, 1839.

At the request of Mrs. Braley, once Miss Sarah Cowdry, the Chh Voted her a dismission from them, & recommendation to a Chh in Collinsville, Illinois.

Aug. 4, 1839.

Voted to admit Mr. Elias Bordman, & Hannah, his wife by letter.

A Mr. Waldo, who had spent time in the West, as a licenced preacher, wishing for ordination, as an evangellist, & Woburn Association agreeing thereto, as individuals, the Chh voted to send their pastor & a delegate to West Reading, to meet in council at Mr. Picket's next Tuesday, at 2 P. M. for the purpose aforesaid; & chose brother John Sweetser, delegate.

Sept. 19, 1839.

The Chh being together, & the request of brother Perry Allen & his wife being presented to them, Voted to grant their request, which was that they be dismissed & recommended to the S. Chh in Andover.

Mrs. Ely Lilly.

Miss Ida M. Merrill, Secretary, Ind. Association of Women Clubs, 2 Monument Sq., Indianapolis, Ind. Miss Merrill will be glad to receive all the reports, & make them a part of the Secretary's report.

Asked to speak with the reports, & make them a part of the Secretary's report.

Mrs. Wm. H. Thompson, Dayton, Ohio.

Mrs. A. Mc. Judd Cincinnati, O. Indian Hill Woman's Club.
Miss F. Lee, Fort Dearborn, Ill. Invited from the S. Dakota.

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Mrs. Jay Lilly.

Mrs. Stephen M. Mc. Allister, Fort Wayne, Ind. Invited to speak on the Civic Work of Women Clubs, & Miss Mary L. Campbell, Ind. Supt. of Public Instruction, to speak on Co-operation between Women Clubs & Public Schools.

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Mrs. Jay Lilly.

Mrs. Stephen M. Mc. Allister, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Miss Mary L. Campbell, Ind. Supt. of Public Instruction, Indianapolis, Ind.

Mrs. Ely Lilly.

Mrs. Wm. H. Thompson, Dayton, Ohio.

Mrs. A. Mc. Judd Cincinnati, O. Indian Hill Woman's Club.

Miss F. Lee, Fort Dearborn, Ill. Invited from the S. Dakota.

(Continued) 1839

Oct. 6, 1839.

Voted to admit into the Chh. Mrs. Elizabeth Aborn, by virtue of a letter from the Chh in Lynnfield.

Nov. 3, 1839.

Admitted Mrs. Mary M. Foster, wife of A. Foster.

Persons admitted into the Church 1839.

Aug.	4	Mr. Elias & Mrs Hannah Bordman, by letter from a presbyterian Chh in Ridgway, N. Y.
Oct	6	Mrs Elizabeth Aborn, by letter from Lynnfield.
Nov.	3	Mrs. Mary M. Foster, by letter from Lynnfield.

Oct A. D. 1839.

Voted to change the day of preparatory season for communion from Thursday to Friday. See vote, March 21, 1811, reconsidered.

1840

Jan. 5, 1840.

Voted to admit, by profession, Mrs. Abigail B. Hawkes of Lynnfield, & Mrs. Sarah A. Crane.

Feb2, 1840.

Admitted Mrs. Sarah Walton.

May 3, 1840.

Capt Jas Steele, Betsey his wife, Mr. Edwin Woodward, Mr. Isaac Emerson, Misses Sarah H. Spaulding, Olive C. Spaulding, Henrietta Cowdry, Elizabeth J. Eustis, Mary B. Hawkes, Pamela A. Hutchinson, Fanny A. Hawkes.

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1840

May 3, 1840.

Voted to admit Mrs. Rhoda F. Richardson, & Miss Clarissa H. Osgood, by virtue of a letter from the Chh in Reading, S. Parish.

June 5, 1840.

The Chh. being together,

Voted, That, after Candidates publickly receive the covenant, & the Chh. rise to covenant on their part, that rising & covenanting shall be considered equivalent to, as it is virtually, voting them viz; & thus supercede a formal vote.

June 7, 1840.

Admitted Mr. Wm. Goodell, Mr. Stephen L. Kimball, Mrs. Lucy Goodell, Mrs. Nancy Smith, Misses Asseneth Convers, Mary Rand, & Mary B. Hart.

June 21, 1840.

By request of the North Chh. Reading in a letter missive to unite in a mutual Council to convene at said place, 30th inst. for the purpose of settling difficulties existing, for some time past between said Chh. & an excluded member, the Church Voted to comply with the request of said Chh. & chose Dr. T. Spaulding, delegate, & br. B. L. Bordman, substitute.

July 6, 1840.

Admitted Mr. Jona Foster by profession, & Mrs. Elizabeth Moses, by a letter from the Church in Malden .

Aug. 2 1840

Voted to admit Mr. Charles Davis & Mrs. Hannah B., his wife by letter, one from the Methodist Chh. in Newbury Port, & the other, Mrs. Davis, from the S. Chh. in Ipswich.

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Roll No. 1940.

Yeas 10 Nays 2 Absent 3 Not Voting 5

Yeas - Messrs. Adams, Brown, Clark, Davis, Evans, Frank, Green, Hall, Irwin, Jones.

Nays - Messrs. Lee, Moore.

Absent - Messrs. Nelson, Owens, Parker.

Not Voting - Messrs. Quinn, Reed, Smith, Taylor, Upton.

Vote Changes: None.

Pair Changes: None.

Motion Carried.

Roll No. 1941.

Yeas 10 Nays 2 Absent 3 Not Voting 5

Yeas - Messrs. Adams, Brown, Clark, Davis, Evans, Frank, Green, Hall, Irwin, Jones.

Nays - Messrs. Lee, Moore.

Absent - Messrs. Nelson, Owens, Parker.

Not Voting - Messrs. Quinn, Reed, Smith, Taylor, Upton.

Vote Changes: None.

Pair Changes: None.

Motion Carried.

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Aug. 2 1840.

Also, Messrs, Nathan & Wm. White, & their wives, & Misses Mary Ann M. Ash, Lucy Ann H. Eaton, & Harriwt P. Brown.

Sept. 6 1840.

Admitted by Vote, Mrs. Lois M. Cunningham.

Oct. 4 1840.

Admitted by profession, Mrs. Sarah Atwell
Mrs. Abigail B. Gardner &
Miss Lucy Emerson.

Nov. 1 1840.

Voted to dismiss by her request, Mrs. Elizabeth G. Henfield to the Chh. of Christ, in Lynnfield.

Nov. 15 1840.

Chh. stopped, heard a letter from a large number of the members of the Congregational Chh. in Woburn, who had received a recommendation & dismission for the purpose of colonizing in the S. Village of said town, & in view of being constituted a Chh, there, requesting this Chh. by pastor & delegate to meet at that place, on Thursday 19 Inst, for the purpose aforesaid. Whereupon Voted to send, & chose Dea. A. Bryant, delegate.

Dec. 16 1840.

The Chh. being together, a charge of disorderly walk in leaving our meeting & communion for the universalis'ts, thus breaking covenant, was brought by Brother Aaron Cowdry against Mrs. Mary Phipps, in due order: whereupon, chose Reuben Emerson & Dea. Aaron Bryant to acquaint her of the same, & of the day & hour of their meeting to hear her defence if she have any; 31 Dec. inst. at the chapel, 3 P. M.

At the same meeting brother Moses Sweetser, jr, having taken the two first steps with Mr. Levi Twist, now of Woburn, for leaving our faith & order, & thus breaking covenant with this Chh. told it to the Chh, not having obtained satisfaction, upon which, chose Reuben Emerson & brother Benj. L. Bordman to make known the same to said brother, & the time appointed when he may make his defence, which time was 31 Dec. inst. 3 P. M. Disolved.

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1840

Dec. 31 1840.

Chh. assembled according to previous appointment. First took into consideration the case of brother Levi Twist, And as he did not appear in any form for defense, voted to send him the second letter of admonition; & appointed the pastor & brother Benja L. Bordman to write him in the name of the Chh.

Then turned to the case of Sister Phipps, who sent her defence in writing which was read; & not being a satisfactory defense,

Voted to send her a second letter of admonition, & chose the pastor & Dea. E. Oliver to write to her in the name of the Chh.

Voted to adjourn this meeting two weeks from tomorrow; Friday, 2. P. M.

Adjourned.

Persons admitted into the Church 1840.

Jan. 5. Admitted Mrs. Abigail B. Hawkes of Lynnfield, & Mrs. Sarah A. Crane.

Feb. 2. Admitted Mrs. S. Walton.

May 3. Admitted Capt. James Steele, & his wife Mrs. Betsey Steele.
Mr. Edwin Woodward,
Isaac Emerson, jr Decd.

Misses Sarah H. Spaulding Dismissed to Lowell.
----- Olive C. Spaulding.
----- Henrietta Cowdry,
Elizabeth J. Eustis.
Mary B. Hawkes Dismissed to Chelsea.
Fanny A. Hawkes Dismissed to Lynn.
Pamela A. Hutchinson

Also, same day

Mrs. Rhoda F. Richardson, &
Miss Clarissa H. Osgood, by letter from S. Chh. Reading.

June 7 Mr. Wm. Goodell Dismissed to Lowell.
Mr. Stephen L. Kimball
Mrs. Lucy W. Goodell Dismissed to Lowell.

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Persons admitted into the Church 1840.

June 7 1840.	Mrs. Nancy wife of Peter Smith
	Misses Asseneth Convers
	Mary Rand,
	Mary B. Hart.
July 6	Mr. Jona. Foster by profession, &
	Mrs. Elizabeth Moses, by letter.
Aug. 2	Mr. Charles Davis. &
	Hannah B., his wife by letters.
	Mr. Nathan White &
	Mrs. Fanny, his wife.
	Mr. Wm. White &
	Sarah, his wife.
	Misses Mary Ann M. Ash,
	Lucy Ann H. Eaton,
	Harriet P. Brown
Sept 6	Admitted by Vote, on profession.
	Wid. Lois M. Cunningham
Oct. 4	Mrs. Sarah Atwell
	Mrs. Abigail B. Gardner and
	Miss Lucy Emerson.

1841

Jan. 3 1841.

Admitted by letter from Woburn, Mrs. Electa B. Hawkes; & by letter from Methuen, Mrs. Cynthia Hawkes,

Jan. 15 1841.

Chh. met according to adjournment, & heard the letters of 2d admonition, as above, & having had no communication from the delinquents, then

1 Voted to withdraw the hand of fellowship from Mr. Levi Twist.

2 Voted that R. Emerson inform him of the doings of the Chh. relative to him.

3 Voted to withdraw the hand of fellowship from Mrs. Mary Phipps.

4 Voted that br. Aaron Cowdrey be appointed to inform her of it.

Adjourned to next week, Thursday, 21 inst. to converse on the subject of Miss Salley E. Grosenor's request, of N. Reading, to join us: & any other subject.

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1841

Jan. 21 1841. Thursday.

Chh met according to adjournment, and conversed on the proposed subject.

Feb. 14 sab.

Chh. stopped and heard a letter missive from the Chh. in Stoneham requesting assistance by pastor & delegate in the installation of Rev. Mr. John Haven as their pastor.

Voted to comply with said request, & chose br. Jacob Townsend, their delegate.

May 2 1841.

Chh. being together, read a letter from John St. Church, Lowell, requesting our presence, by pastor & delegate, to advise respecting the proposed dismission of their minister. Voted to join the proposed Council, & chose Dr. Thads Spaulding, delegate.

At the same time voted to dismiss the wife of Mr. Lot. Sweetser, & the wife of Mr. Jas. Burditt, to the Chh in Stoneham, by their request.

June, 6 1841.

Chh. being together, a letter missive from the newly organized Chh. in South Woburn was read, requesting our assistance by pastor & delegate, in the examination, & if the council should think proper the ordination of Mr. George P. Smith as their pastor & teacher-- Voted to send, & chose br Aaron Cowdry jr. delegate.

July 2 1841.

The Chh. being together, Voted to attend to the choice of <u>two deacons</u>, next preparatory season.

July 4 1841.

Admitted Mr. Matthew F. Leslie, by virtue of a letter from Crombie St. Chh. Salem.

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1841

July 4, 1841.

Admitted by letter from Union Chh. Westford, Mr. Joshua A. Moore, & Lavina, his wife.

July 31, 1841.

According to a previous appointment, made choice of twodeacons, by ballot, Viz. Br. Benja. L. Boardman, & br. Benja H. Eaton. After remarks were made, & some thought, the latter very modestly accepted, & prayer was offered on the occasion. The former chose to take the matter under consideration. It is expected, at the next preparatory season, either to choose another, or confirm the choice already made, which, in both cases, was unanimous, except their own votes.

Sept. 3 1841.

Preparatory season. Brother Benja. L. Bordman, who was formerly elected deacon. having accepted the choice made by the Chh. prayer was offered on the occasion for him & the Chh.

Sept. 5 1841.

Admitted by letter from the Chh. Ashburnham, Mrs. Charlotte Hawkes.

Oct. 3 1841.

Voted to give a dismission & recommendation to Mrs. Mary Lambert to the Chh of which her son A. B. Lambert is pastor, Salem, N. Y.

Oct 10, 1841.

Voted to grant a letter of dismission & recommendation to Mr. Joshua A. Moore & Lavina, his wife, to the Chh of Christ in Milford, N. H.

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Nov. 6, 1841.

The Chh being together at a season preparatory to the communion two cups for sacramental service, were presented to the Chh by brother Joseph Hopkins. Upon which the Chh voted cordial thanks to him, & appointed the pastor a committee to express their thanks to the benevolent doner. ---- Also voted, that, with the consent of Mr. Hopkins, they will, at their own expence, have his name inscribed in on them, & the date of the gift. And chose the pastor to carry this vote into execution, according to his own discretion; it being understood that there be an inscription with his name, if it may be, by his consent, & , otherwise, without his name.

Dec. 3, 1841.

The Chh being together, & having before conversed on the subject of transforming some of the silver sacramental cups, Voted to refer a further consideration of the subject to the next preparatory season; & that the terms of transferation be ascertained, & reported at the meeting above mentioned.

Likewise agreed to regard that meeting, & the day, as a season of fasting & prayer.

Persons admitted into the Church 1841.

Jan.	3	Admitted by letters, Mrs. Electa B. Hawkes & Mrs. Cynthia Hawkes
July	4	Admitted by a letter f Crombie st Chh Salem, Mr. Matt. F. Leslie. and By letter from Westford, Mr. Joshua A. Moor, & Lavina, his wife. to Milford, Dismissed. Mrs. Charlotte Hawkes, by letter from Ashburnham, Dismissed to Bethesda Chh, Reading.

1842

Jan. 30, 1842.

By the request of sister Sarah Allen, wife of Dr. Allen, Voted to give her aletter of dismission & recommendation to the 3d Cong. Chh. Lowell.

Feb. 4, 1842.

The Chh being together, & having before had the subject presented, & referred to this day, of transforming two silver cups, on which no doner's name are found, Voted to have the two cups mentioned transformed into three of modern style, holding three gills apiece, & weighing eight ounces apiece: & that the pastor be requested to procure the proposed transformation.

Also, the subject of altering the number of communion seasons, which had been before the Chh was taken up, & after free conversation, Voted to have but six in a year; the first sabbath in Jan. March, & so on every other month, to the first sabbath, Jan. again, & so on till the Chh shall see cause to alter.

Dissolved.

Apl. 29, 1842.

The two cups referred to, a little back, being plated, Dr. Hopkins chose to give a silver one, which was presented, & thanks returned to Mr. Hopkins.

Also, voted that Dea. Bryant be authorized to sell the flaggons & pewter, & buy a plated flaggon, as some one had proposed to give such an one to the Chh. if the Chh. would buy one to mate it.

June, 3d, 1842.

At the request of brother Wm Goodell & Lucey W. his wife, voted to grant them a letter of dismission from this, to the first Chh in Lowell.

June 19, 1842.

At the request of Mrs. Mary B. wife of Mr. Wm P. Bosson, voted to grant her a letter of dismission & recommendation to the Chh in Chelsea, of which Rev. Mr. Langworthy is pastor.

Jan. 1st, 1944.

By the Council of Public Safety Action, City of D. Allen, Texas, to the Act relative to Classifying & Licensing Motion Picture Shows. Chap. Laws.

Feb. 1, 1944.

The San Pedro Company, a Corporation duly and duly organized, & existing under & by virtue of the laws of the State of Texas, for the purpose of [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

(Continued) 1842

July 10, 1842.

Chh being together, stopped, when a letter was read from the Cong. Chh. in Malden, requesting their assistance, by pastor & a delegate, to join in counsel for the purpose of ordaining Mr. Matthew Hale Smith for the work of the ministry. Voted to send according to request; & chose Dea. Aaron Bryant, Delegate, to attend with the Pastor.

Aug. 5, 1842.

At Chh conference, a letter was read from the Chh in N. Reading to this, requesting their assistance, by pastor & delegate, with two other Chhs, in giving Rev. Mr. Lewis a regular dismission from his pastoral relation with said Chh. Whereupon, voted to send; & chose Dea. Benja H. Eaton, delegate.
(That had been deferred).

Aug. 20, 1842.

Chh stopped, & voted to give Mrs. Octavia A. Smith a letter of dismission & recommendation to the S Chh Woburn, according to request, she having removed there.

Oct. 16, 1842.

Chh stopped after public worship, heard a letter missive, to assemble in Council for the purpose of examining the proposed subject of the dismission of their pastor, Wilmington.

Voted to send pastor & delegate as requested, & chose br. Benja Hawkes. Delegate.

Nov. 4, 1842.

Chh stopped after lecture, & having heard the request of Sister Charlotte Hawkes to be dismissed to the Chh in Medford of which Mr. Baker is pastor, voted to grant her request.

Dairy 1/2, 1955.

Dear [illegible]: Enclosed, [illegible] a letter [illegible] the [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

1843

Apl 6, 1843. Public Fast.

Chh stopped, when a letter was read from the Chh & society in Saugus, requesting the assistance of pastor & one delegate, to ordain Mr. Theophilus P. Sawin, their pastor, 19th instant. Voted to send, & chose Dea. Ezekl Oliver, delegate.

May 5, 1843.

The Chh being together on a preparatory season for the sacrament of the Lords supper, a communication was received from our young sister, Mary B. Hart, & being directed to the Chh was read, the purport of which was, that she had joined herself to 'the second advent band,' & now 'with-draws herself from the Chh & considers herself no longer a member of it'. She 'thinks it her duty, & leaves the Chh without any unkind feelings towards any one brother or sister.'

After some remarks made with kind feeling, no action was taken on the subject.

The Church being together, the following notice was given; Viz.

> A person, name then unknown to the Chh it was stated, would give a silver plated flaggon to the Chh provided they would purchase another like it. And the Chh voted to do so. The two flaggons were, accordingly, obtained.

The Chh chose a committee to dispose of the block-tin flaggons, which they had in possession, in the best way they can; & also the pewter platters. Dea. Aaron Bryant was chosen that committee.

The plated flaggons being obtained, & paid for, it appeared that, R. Emerson, the pastor, was the doner of the one flaggon, while the Chh paid for the other, Viz. fourteen dollars.

The Chh being together, Thanks were voted to the doner of the flaggon.

It was thenvoted that the old flaggons be given to bible Chhs in the west, one, to one Chh & the other to another. The vote was unanimous. The sisters signified their approbation by rising.

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May 7, 1843.

Admitted by letter from the first Chh. Woburn,
Mrs. Joanna Ash.

May 7, 1843.

The Chh. being together, a letter was read from the Congregational Chh. in N. Reading requesting assistance, by pastor & delegate, in the proposed ordination of Mr. Ephm. W. Allen, on the 17th instant. Voted to send ; & chose brother Aaron Cowdrey jr. delegate.

June 16 1843.

Chh. stopped, heard the request of sister Edson, & voted to dismiss & recommend her to the S. Chh. in Andover.

July 16 1843.

Chh. stopped, heard the request of sister Lucia Munroe, & voted to dismiss & recommend her to the W. Chh in Bradford.

Persons admitted into the Church 1843.

Jan. 1 admitted, by profession,
Elizabeth Rebecca Foster &
Mary Ann Townsend
May 7 admitted by letter,
Mrs. Joanna Ash. Dismissed to Malden.

1844

Jan. 5 1844.

Chh. stopped after lecture, & heard a letter from Mrs. Sarah A. Y. Heath, who, having joined a baptist Chh, of which her husband was minister, requested that her covenant relation to this Chh may be dissolved.

Chose Reuben Emerson, brother Thads Spaulding & Dea B. L. Boardman to consider the matter, & prepare a report, at a future meeting.

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1844

Feb. 2 1844.

Chh. being together, the Committee above named made the following report, which was adopted;

> Whereas Mrs. S. A. Y. Heath was withdrawn from this Chh. & united with the baptist Chh. at Shelburne Falls, We consider her relation to us dissolved.

Voted, also, that we will consider Mr. Hiram Sweetser in the same way.

March 3, 1844.

Voted to admit Mrs. Mary B. Nichols, widow of Rev. Saml. Nichols, by virtue of a letter, recommendatory & dismissory from the Chh. in Barrington, N. H.

May 12 1844 communion sabbath.

Voted to admit Dr. Wm. N. Willis & Abigail A. his wife, by virtue of a letter from N. H. Chh.

June 19 1844.

The Chh. being together, brother Vernum Sweetser brought two charges against br Saml. P. Avery, one of the theft & the other of falsehood, after, as he said, taking the two first steps. The Chh. then called on br Sweetser for evidence of the charges. He shewed that br. A. took a cupboard from his premises, of which he had a bill of sale of br. A. The bill was presented, & examination made. And not getting this, adjourned to June, 25. inst.--- Met according to adjournment. And after prayer & much consideration, came to the following result, which was unanimously voted.

Viz . 1 That the article in question was proved to be the property of br. Sweetser by a bill of sale.

2 That br. Avery wrongfully took the property from the premises of br. Sweetser.

3 We have evidence that br Avery <u>claimed</u> the article as his own.

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June 19 1844

4. That br. Avery return the property to br. Sweetser, & confess to the Church his wrong in taking it as he did.---A committee reported this to br. Avery. The second charge was nonsuited.

Aug. 9 1844

The Chh. being together, after spending an hour in conference, Voted to dismiss Mrs. Maria Williams to a Chh. in East Haven Con.

At the same meeting br. Avery requested a rehearing of his case with br. Sweetser. After some remarks, Voted to grant his request also voted that br. Sweetser have the same privilege of Counsel, which was granted to br. Avery; the understanding being given, that whoever should be introduced as Counsel, shall belong to some orthodox Chh. or Chhs.

Voted to adjourn to Tuesday, 20th Instant, at 9 A. M.

Adjourned.

Aug. 20 1844.

Chh. met according to adjournment. Brothers, Sweetser & Avery had each his Counsel. A rehearing was had. At noon adjourned to one, P. M. Met at one, & the hearing proceeded. Having closed, the Chh. voted to adjourn to 8, in the evening. Came together, & after a discussion, voted to sustain their former decision.

Adjourned to Friday, Aug. 30. 4 P. M. after choosing brothers, Eustis & Woodward to make known the decision to br. Avery.

Aug. 30 1844.

Chh. met according to adjournment. After addressing the throne of grace, and reading The law of Christ, Matt. 18. gave br. Avery opportunity to make any statement relating to the case before the body. He made no concession; but requested the Chh to join him in calling a mutual Council. After all had liberty to remark on the question of not complying with his request, which was moved & seconded,

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1844

Voted, not to comply with his request for a mutual Council.

Then voted, to withdraw the hand of fellowship from br. S. P. Avery.

Chose brothers, Eustis & Woodward to communicate the same to him.--

Adjourned.

Oct. 4. 1844

The Church being together in conference, voted,

1. To celebrate the two hundredth year of the Church's existence. It was organized, Nov. 5. 1644. The bicentennial celebration will be therefore Nov. 5 1844.

2. Voted that their Pastor be requested to give an historieal address on said Day.

3. That they invite the Chhs which colonized from this to attend the celebration; & that the Pastor extend the invitation to them: & br. Townsend inform our head singer of the occasion.

4. That we celebrate the Lord's supper on the occasion.

Nov. 1 1844.

The subject of the Bi-centennial coming up, as was proposed for this meeting, voted to recind vote 4.

Persons admitted into the Church 1844.

March 3	by letter, Mrs. Mary B. Nichols.
May 12	admitted by letter Dr. Wm. H. Willis & his wife, Abigail A.
Nov. 3	Mrs. Elizabeth Slocum

1845

Jan. 5. 1845.

Voted to admit Mr. Chs. H. Stearns a member of the Chh. by virtue of a letter from the Winthrop Chh. Charlestown. And, same day, admitted by profession, Mr. George Burditt, & Mrs. Fidilia his wife, Mrs. Louisa Gould & Mrs. Lucinda, & S. Augusta Sweetser.

Jan. 19 1845.

By virtue of a letter missive from the S. Chh. in Woburn, concerning the dismission of their minister, Mr. Smith, Voted to send Dea. B. L. Boardman with the pastor, on the occasion.

Jan. 23 1845.

The Chh. met according to previous appointment.

By request, the result of an exparte Council advising to a mutual Council, in the case of Mr. Avery, was read, & Voted to do no more about it.

Jan. 23 1845.

A meeting being called at the request of the Chh. committee respecting Mr. Sanborn, their candidate, Voted to give him a call to settle with them as colleague pastor of the Chh. & that their committee report to him their vote. He gave a negative. (Desolved.

Jan. 31 1845.

at Chh. conference, Voted to dismiss at their request, br. Josiah Richardson & wife & Mrs. Lucinda Tilton, to the Congregational Chh. in Lynn.

July 23d 1845.

A meeting being called at the request of the Church Committee, it being moved & seconded to extend a call to Mr. Alfred Emerson, to settle here in the gospel ministry; after due deliberation, a general vote was given in the affirmative, but one in the negative.

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1845

Aug. 3 1845.

Chh. stoppped, heard a letter from the Chh. in Burlington, requesting the pastor & a delegate to join in Council, in that place, on Wednesday, 10th instant, chosen mutually by the Chh. & the deacons Blanchards, to give their judgment & advice respecting a case of discipline, in which they were cut off from Chh-fellowship; the Chh. consenting to a mutual Council at the request of those brethren.

Voted to send, & chose br. Calvin Nichols, delegate.

Sept..11 1845.

Chh. met according to previous notification; the object of which was to chose a committee to confer with the pastor elect in selecting an ordaining council. Chose the pastor & the standing committee of the Chh.

Disolved.

Persons admitted into the Church. 1845

Jan. 5 1845. admitted the following
George Burditt,)
his wife,)
Mrs. Wm. Gould)
Lucinda &)
S. August Sweetser)
And
Mr. Chs. H. Stearns by letter

Nov. 2 1845. Also
Mr. Boswell, by letter.

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